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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

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January 3, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Attached hereto is list of bills covering medals and dies furnished by the Philadelphia Mint, forwarded to your office on the dates indicated, for which no notices of settlement have been received. In view of the limitations now urged on expenditures and the efforts of this office to conform thereto, the considerable delay in settling bills will prove embarrassing should the amounts not be available by the end of the fiscal year. It is requested that steps be taken to expedite the settlement of all bills that the amounts thereof may be available as soon as possible. Information is requested as to the prospects for early settlement of the bills enumerated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Bills forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, War Risks Insurance Corps, for the month ended 31st July 1921.

Date forwarded 1921.	For	Amount of Bill	Condition of Vessel
		£	
July 8	400 Good Conduct Medals	260.00	
8	Dies and Bed Furnished	2,259.91	
8	Gold and bronze Competition medals	2,416.59	
15	600 Good Conduct Medals	390.00	
26	2000 Good Conduct Medals	1,300.00	
26	1000 " "	650.00	
July 16	2000 Good Conduct Medals	1,300.00	
5	1000 " "	650.00	
Aug. 13	1000 " "	650.00	
Oct. 13	2000 " "	1,300.00	
13	500 " "	325.00	
13	500 " "	325.00	
15	1500 " "	975.00	
15	500 " "	325.00	
Nov. 10	500 " "	325.00	
4	500 " "	325.00	
19	500 " "	325.00	
19	500 " "	325.00	
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January 5, 1922.

Keystone View Company, Inc.,
91-97 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 30th you are advised that it is against the Regulations to have photographs made of any of the operations of the mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1921.

Mr. F. E. Pierce,
1422 Seventh Ave.,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your note of December 28th appended to letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, you are advised that $2.50 gold pieces have not been coined for several years, and the Treasury is not paying out any coins of this denomination.

If you will deposit the gold bullion you have at the United States Assay Office at Seattle, payment for the gold and silver content will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The amount of the check which covers the gold value of your deposit can be cashed in gold if you so desire, the smallest denomination being $5.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 3, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

Your letter L-143 of December 29th, 1921, leaves this office still somewhat in the dark with regard to the propriety of authorizing payment at $1.00 per ounce for 663 ounces silver, the product of 30 tons of ore, which netted the vendor, Geo. T. Castleton, "at the foreign quotation" only $84.47. Further information on this point is desired before passing upon the matter.

In this connection, it is suggested that vendors should not execute affidavits evidencing settlement at $1.00 per ounce when actual settlement at that rate has not been made. Proposed affidavits, upon which advance decision is desired, should be submitted unexecuted when payment at the rate provided in the affidavit form has not been made.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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January 3, 1922.

Mr. Chester Beach,
207 East 17th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Treasury Department bill of lading No. 47435 covering the plaster cast returned to you from Washington. These casts were sent at our expense, and if you will kindly fill out consignee's certificate of delivery and surrender this bill of lading to the express company it will reach this Bureau for payment in due course.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1922.

Mr. Adolph A. Weinman,
441 West 21st St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Treasury Department bill of lading No. 47434 covering the plaster cast returned to you from Washington. These casts were sent at our expense, and if you will kindly fill out consignee's certificate of delivery and surrender this bill of lading to the express company it will reach this Bureau for payment in due course.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1922.

Mr. J. W. Scharp,

New Martinsville, W. Va.

Sir:

Your letter of January 2nd enclosing money order for $2.12 to cover the cost of two silver dollars has been received and forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1922.

Deputy Collector in Charge,
United States Customs Service,
Laredo, Texas.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 29th together with package said to contain two bars of silver. This package has been forwarded, unopened, to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution will report to you regarding it.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Mr. John Flanagan,
1931 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Flanagan:

Your letter of January 2nd addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia enclosing your account for executing models in competition for the Peace Dollar has been forwarded to this Bureau. I am enclosing herewith blank form of voucher upon which it is requested that you render your account, transmitting the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for payment.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. R. Kohler,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith check for $100.00 enclosed in your letter of January 3rd, requesting 100 of the new design dollars. The Director of the Mint does not distribute the coins, and I would suggest that you make application to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York City, a supply of these coins having been forwarded to that institution for distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Mrs. Lelia Munsell,

Herington, Kansas.

Madam:

Referring to your note appended to letter from this Bureau dated November 15th I regret to advise you that the Department has no printed matter which could be forwarded to you on the subject in which you are interested.

The American Numismatic Society was suggested to you for the reason that that society might be in position to give you references.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. B. L. Blair,

McWhorter, W. Va.

Sir:

Your letter of January 2nd, relative to a silver mine in which you are interested, has been forwarded to the United States Geological Survey, Interior Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1921.

The Superintendent of Mail,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 19th, 1921, relative to the number of documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1921, the following is submitted:

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, including Report on Production of Precious Metals during the calendar year 1920, Document #2699,

Total copies	1000.
Oct. 3, 1921 Number of franks sent to the Superintendent of Documents	781
Dec. 1921, Number of franks sent to the Superintendent of Documents	33
Sent out by the Bureau of the Mint	44
Total distribution	858

Proceedings of the Assay Commission 1921, Test of Coinage Executed and Reserved during the calendar year 1920, Document No. 2892

Total printed, April 6, 1921	200
Copies sent out by Mint Bureau	166
Balance	32

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

E.L.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $325 covering cost of 500 Good Conduct Medals furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these medals is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$294.12
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	30.88
	$325.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $20.00, covering cost of 20 ounces of silver furnished on your order No. 57332. Receipt for the delivery of this silver is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$ 5.40
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	14.60
	$20.00

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a set of weights to be used by the Assay Commission which I have to request that you cause to be tested in time to be used at the meeting of the Commission on the first Wednesday in February.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1922.

Chief, Ammunition Division,
Ordnance Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., No.D/12/199, amount $1.32, covering transportation charges on 1 box of platinum mass from Nitro, Va, to the Assay Office at New York, July 27, 1920, is forwarded herewith for such disposition as your office may deem appropriate. Apparently, shipment was not for the benefit of the New York Assay Office and is not chargeable, therefore, to any appropriation of the Mint service.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
Regional Accounting Department,
119 West 19th Street, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your bill No. D/12/199, amount $1.32, covering transportation charges on 1 box platinum mass from Nitro, Va. to the Assay Office at New York, July 27, 1920 has been forwarded to the Chief, Ammunition Division, Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C. for disposition as the charges do not appear to be payable from any Mint service appropriation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

The Insular Bureau,

War Department.

Gentlemen:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a series of Interrogatories which are sent each year to the principal countries of the world for the purpose of obtaining information concerning monetary matters, including production of gold and silver, coinage, etc.

It is desired to obtain the same information concerning the Philippine Islands, and your co-operation to that end is requested. Copies of comparative tables compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years are also inclosed as being of possible interest to those who prepare the answer. It is requested that one copy of the Interrogatory with answers be returned to this office, the other to be retained by you for reference if desired.

I trust that it will be possible for the information to reach this office before October 1st of the current year in order that it may be published in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921-1922.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. Taylor C. Franks,
151 West Tenth Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 27th relative to your interest on the subject of coinage, I beg to suggest that a Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia is available at the Government Printing Office. The volume is sold at $1.00 a copy. To obtain the same you should address the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, enclosing a remittance for this volume. It is a book of 600 pages and contains interesting data relative to the coinage of this country and other countries, in so far as such countries are represented in the collection belonging to the Government now in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Beyond this publication the Government has no printed matter on the subject. I would suggest, as of possible assistance to you, that you address a letter to the American Numismatic Society, New York. The Secretary of that society may be able to give you books of reference which would be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1921.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Sirs:

Herewith I am transmitting two miners' affidavits covering purchases of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, for file with the accounts of the U. S. Mint, Denver, for the month of September 1921. These affidavits, for a total of 1,030 ounces, cover silver purchases from the U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. C. Pietzsch,
169 Union Avenue,
Clifton, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 3rd relative to obtaining certain centennial coins recently issued by the Government you are advised that these coins are distributed through the following institutions:

Pilgrim half dollar	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Missouri half dollar	Sedalia Bank & Trust Co., Sedalia, Missouri.
Alabama half dollar	First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.
Maine half dollar	Treasurer, State of Maine, Augusta, Maine.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. W. F. Behr,
7 South Main St.,
Oberlin, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30th you are advised that the $1.00 silver piece weighs 412.5 grains. The 50-cent silver piece weighs 192.9 grains. The 25-cent silver piece weighs 96.45 grains, and the 10-cent piece 38.58 grains. It will be seen, therefore, that two half dollars do not weigh as much as one standard silver dollar. However, four quarters are equal to two half dollars, and ten dimes are equal to two half dollars. The half dollar, quarter dollar and dime are divided in proportion.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. Leonard J. O'Neill,
450 St. John St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Your post card addressed to Senator Wadsworth has been forwarded to this Bureau. This letter is to advise you that the Government requires no premium on gold coins. $5.00 gold coins can be obtained at any of the offices of the Treasury or at the banks at face value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. Fletcher Hamilton,
State Mineralogist,
Ferry Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 30th requesting a supply of franks for mailing purposes, and have to advise you that we are not at liberty to authorize the use of franks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. George Hanselman,
744 W. South St.,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30th you are advised that the mints do not keep coins segregated by years in sets.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. John Reder, Jr.,

Thomaston, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30th you are advised that there are no proof specimens of the new design silver dollar. The dollars may be obtained by addressing the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., or through one of your local banks.

Respectfully,

W. Th. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. George Montague Unger,
854 Hancock St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 20th relative to your poster, and have to advise you that at this time the Department has no opportunity to use your drawing either on a coin or medal. Thank you for your interest in the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Miss Dora Perkins,
5527 Cornell Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of December 19th relative to a one-half cent piece you are advised that an act of Congress would be required before such coinage could be undertaken by the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

Mr. Russell Thayer,
Drexel Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 21st enclosing copies of Letters Patent covering a process for the extraction of platinum and similar metals. Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1922.

American International Corporation,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

The amount of silver purchased to the close of business December 31, 1921, under the terms of the Pittman Act, amounted to 88,569,888 ounces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1921.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter L-638 of December 30, 1921, addressed to the Superintendent, Philadelphia Mint, concerning miners' affidavits supporting sales of silver under the Pittman Act to a total of 21,764 ounces, has been referred to this office. Affidavits filed with this office for the periods to which those mentioned pertain have been forwarded to the General Accounting office and those mentioned by you were doubtless included. The Comptroller General does not permit the withdrawal of papers and it will therefore not be possible to comply with your request for their return.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Mr. K. C. Cheng,
c/o E. W. Bliss Co.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 which was promised to you some time ago. This report has just been issued.

I regret that we have no descriptive matter covering the operations of the mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1922.

Mrs. Henry Radtke,
Route 1, Box 43,
LaCrescent, Minn.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 20th you are advised that gold dollars were coined from 1849 to 1889 when their coinage was discontinued. Since that time memorial coins for the Columbian Exposition, Louisiana Purchase Exposition and for the Lafayette souvenir have been issued. No regular coinage of gold dollars has been issued since 1889. All of the gold dollars coined by the Government were round.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 50,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 6, 1922.

Equitable Trust Company of New York

New York, N.Y.

Mint
Francisco / Will have ready sixteen hundred thousand indo china piasters shipment steamer January nineteenth Balance nine hundred thousand shortly thereafter

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contg. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—5789 The appropriation from which payable must be stated as above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington,

January 6, 1922.

Hon. Raymond T. Baker
c/o United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Supply of silver for subsidiary coinage now in the Treasury being redundant following directions have been sent San Francisco Denver New York and Philadelphia Quote Supply of silver for subsidiary coinage being redundant discontinue purchases silver free from gold See last paragraph page five regulations end quote

O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated as above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

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January 6, 1922.

Mrs. Charles Harringer,
c/o Postmaster Cox,
Gravesbeck, Texas.

Madam;

Replying to your letter of January 1st requesting that the first coin of the new design be forwarded to you, you are advised that the first coin minted was presented to the President.

The coins are now available at the reserve banks in different parts of the country, and I would suggest that you make application to the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, Texas for one of the coins.

Respectfully,

M. McPeek

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1922.

Mr. J. W. C. Gray,
Box 252,
Kingston, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 4th you are advised that there are no $50.00 gold pieces in the Treasury.

I would suggest that you address the Secretary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California. That offider may possibly be able to advise you where a $50.00 gold piece issued in commemoration of the Exposition could be found.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1922.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 5th requesting copies in permanent covers of circular respecting coinage and bonds and circular on monetary systems of thw world, I have to advise you that we have no bound publications of these works. One copy of each in pamphlet form is being forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

M McPhail

2 enc. Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1922.

Mr. Chester Beach,
207 East 17th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 3rd relative to bill of lading covering the cost of forwarding plaster cast to you. The American Railway Express Company should not have collected charges on this shipment. Will you be kind enough to fill out the enclosed blank at the lower right hand side of this bill of lading and cause same to be delivered to the American Railway Express Company at New York with the request that the amount paid by you be refunded to you.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1922.

Honorable Ellison D. Smith,

United States Senate.

Sir:

Your letter of January 4th addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this office for attention. It gives me pleasure to place the name of Mr. A. R. Johnston of St. George, South Carolina, on the list to be submitted to the President when appointments to membership on the Annual Assay Commission are taken up late in January.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1922.

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Returned herewith are pages of your Statistical Abstract of the United States relating to gold and silver, with the figures for the later year added; also such correction of errors have been made thereon as appeared to this office, as requested in your letter of December 23, 1921, file #15.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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January 6, 1921.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter L-637 of December 30, 19. addressed to the Superintendent, Denver Mint, concerning miners' affidavits supporting sales of silver under the Pittman Act to a total of 41,695 ounces, has been referred to this office. Affidavits filed with this office for the periods to which those mentioned pertain have been forwarded to the General Accounting office and those mentioned by you were doubtless included. The Comptroller General does not permit the withdrawal of papers and it will therefore not be possible to comply with your request for their return.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Min

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January 6, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to the September quarter accounts of the San Francisco Mint, August voucher #22, in favor of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. on which an apparent overcharge of $1.50 has been made for phone known as Garfield 375. A letter from the San Francisco Mint, dated December 22, 1921, sets forth the following information which will support the extra charge of 50¢ per month made on voucher concerned;

"In November 1920 an extension was installed for which an extra charge of 50¢ per month was made. On July 1, 1921 the extension was removed making the monthly charge $5.00"

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jamy 6, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.
Regional Accounting Department,
119 West 19th Street, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of Deamber 22, 1921, your file #56-66-4-F, regarding your bill No. 110/173, you are advised that no information concerning such bill has been found in this office.

As the shipments covered by this bill were made from Germantown, Pa. and Elyria, Ohio, points from which the Mint service is not likely to receive shipments, it is thought probable that bill should be rendered to some other office than this. However, if the bill should prove to be payable by this office, it would be necessary that bill be submitted on regular Government voucher form and that we be advised as to the nature of the articles shipped before any steps could be taken toward the settlement of this bill.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peelle

Acting Director of the Mint.

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nuary 6, 1922.

Mr. C. C. Smith, Superintendent,
Delta Public Schools,
Delta, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Janua 2nd relative to the latest quotation on silver, you are advised th the price of silver changes from day to day. Silver was quoted on uary 5th at $0.648 75.

Under separate cover I am forwardin a Report of the Director of the Mint, which may be of interst to yu.

Respectfully,

M McRuells

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Riner & Amend

Third Avenue, 18th-19th St., New Yk, N.Y.

January 7, 1922.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

2495	Assay button brushes	2		2 20
4263	Mohrs pipetts, capacity 5 cc. subdiv. 1/20	2		86
4112	Pouring mould with 3 conical depressions	1		75
4600	Standard brass sieves 20-100 mesh dameter 5 in. with metal cover pan and bottm	1	set	6 75
2906	Cupel tongs	1	pr.	1 65

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Arthur H. Thomas Company

West Washington Square, Philadelphi Pa.

January 7, 1922.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Dartment, Washington, D.C.

4594	(46500)	Shears, length 6 inches	2	pr.	1.35	2 70
"	"	Shears, length 8 inches				1 70

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1922.

Mr. Ernest Gichner,
1107 E St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please bid on repairing furnace in the Laboratory of this Bureau. Repairs consist of making iron band for top of furnace. The band should be:

46 inches in length, (1 in. shorter than present band)

1/4 inch in thickness

3 inches in width with a turned-in bevel of 1 in. at bottom.

If it is convenient for you to send an inspector to this office it will be possible to inspect the furnace to be repaired.

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 7, 1922.

Mr. Dick Chilson,
Caliente, via Pinte,
Kern County, California.

Sir:

Your letter of December 19th addressed to the Hon. Carl Hayden, House of Representatives, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. Replying to your inquiry in regard to the price of gold you are advised that the price of gold has not been changed. It remains fixed at $20.67 an ounce 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

J. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 7, 1922.

Mr. J. J. Rooney,
44 Adams Street,
Haverhill, Mass.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. A. Piatt Andrew, House of Representatives, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, on page 110 of which you will find the coinage of each mint of the United States since the organization of the same.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

uary 7, 1922.

Dear Dr. Andrew:

In response to your request o January 6 I have taken pleasure in causing to be for rded to Mr. J. J. Rooney, 44 Adams Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives the coinage of the mints from their organization. Mr. Rooney has been advised that this report has been sent at your request.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Honorable A. Piatt Andrew,
House of Representatives.

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January 7, 1922.

Mr. F. Rees Phillips, Vice President,
F. R. Phillips & Sons Co.,
Pennsylvania Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th I am forwarding under separate cover copy of report of the Director of the Mint which will give you the world's production of gold.

For information relative to the population, capital investment and production of materials of all kinds I would suggest that you address the Department of Commerce.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Navy Division,

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is list of bills covering medals and dies furnished the Quartermaster Department, Marine Corps by the Philadelphia Mint for which no notices of settlement have been received. This list was forwarded to Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps for information as to the prospects for early settlement of these bills and was returned to this office with the information that requests for transfer of funds to cover these bills were made on the dates indicated in pencil opposite each bill. In view of the limitations now urged on expenditures and the efforts of this office to conform thereto, the considerable delay in settling bills will prove embarrassing should the amounts not be available by the end of the fiscal year. It is requested that steps be taken to expedite the settlement of all bills that the amounts may be available as soon as possible. Information is requested as to the prospects for early settlement of the bills enumerated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $325.00, covering cost of 500 Good Conduct Medals furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these medals is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$294.12
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	30.88

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1922.

Mr. W. Parsons Todd,
Manager, Copper Sales,
The East Butte Copper Mining Company,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your request of January 7th I am enclosing herewith copy of the regulations covering the purchase of silver, including the recent amendment to the regulations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 9, 1922.

Mr. F. S. Vandersloot, Postmaster',

Farmington, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith money order enclosed in your letter of January 5th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and beg to advise that application for new silver dollars should be made to the nearest Federal Reserve Bank.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 9, 1922.

Mr. George H. Peters,
11 Stahl Square,
Connellsville, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7th you are advised that the total number of silver dollars coined in 1921 was $86,730,000; of that number $1,006,000 are of the new design. The design now used on the so-called "Peace Dollar" is to be a permanent design used for the standard silver dollars. No more dollars of the old design will be made. Specimens of new dollars can be obtained from the nearest Federal Reserve Bank.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 9, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your off'er of January 7, 1922 of 111,000 ounces of silver,, which is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectful.ly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Direc tor of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 9, 1922.

Dear Congressman Darrow:

Replying to your letter of January 5th relative to the work at the Philadelphia Mint I have to advise you that at the present time the Treasury is carrying a large stock of subsidiary silver coin in all denominations, and the demand for coins from the mints has entirely ceased. The only coinage upon which we can at the present time keep the men operating is that of the silver dollar.

The Director decided that it would be less hardship for the men at the mint to be carried on reduced time rather than to have a large number of the force indefinitely furloughed. We are, therefore, attempting to keep on the rolls on part time our regular organization.

Mr. Baker, the Director of the Mint, is on his way to Washington from the Mint at San Francisco, and as soon as he reaches here your letter will be submitted to him.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. George P. Darrow,
House of Representatives.

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January 9, 1922.

Mr. Nelson F. Adkins,
41 Madison Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 6th requesting copy of our library bookplate, and regret to advise you that we have none. The copy enclosed in your letter is of much interest and your courtesy in sending it is appreciated.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1922.

Mr. John Flanagan,
1931 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of January 6, 1922 relative to competitive models for the Peace Dollar has been received and the letter forwarded to the Fine Arts Commission with the request that attention be given to the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 9, 1922.

Mr. Wilbur Rider,

Nevada, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 4th I am taking pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, on page 138 of which you will find the ratio of gold to silver since 1687.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1922.

Corporation,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter L-636, of December 28, 1921, will state that the middlemens' affidavits with supporting miners' affidavits, which accompany your letter, will be acceptable by the Mint Service as covering sales of domestic silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, as follows:

Affidavits of the Western Ore Purchasing Company for silver delivered at your Garfield smelter, to a total of 21,929.00 fine ounces, will be acceptable for the entire quantity.

Affidavits of the Western Ore Purchasing Company for silver delivered to your Murray smelter, to the total of 28,940 fine ounces, will be acceptable for 27,353.7 fine ounces. The unacceptable miners' affidavits, attached to these middlemens' affidavits, which are unacceptable in their present form, are as follows: miners' affidavits #7, 11, 16, and 23, in amounts, 1275.45 ounces, 153.5 ounces, 87.99 ounces and 69.4 ounces, total 1586.3 ounces, being not executed before a notary or any other officer entitled to administer oaths. Affidavit #23 is incomplete as to date of delivery and sale to the Western Ore Purchasing Company.

Middlemens' affidavits of the Western Ore Purchasing Company, for the total 36,396.50 fine ounces silver, with supporting miners' affidavits, will be accepted for a total of 36,336.50 fine ounces silver. The difference of 60 ounces, covered by affidavit #15 evidencing production by a refinery operated by The Alloy Company, is unacceptable in that the affidavit does not evidence production from a domestic mine.

When filing these affidavits in support of sales they should be accompanied by a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

W ER WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

January 10, 1922.

Hon. Raymond T. Baker,
Care Nevada Banking & Trust Company,
Reno, Nevada.

Experiments with nineteen twenty two dies like those sent Denver San Francisco show relief still too high. Absolutely necessary have new model made by Francisci lowering relief to get coin to stack No change whatever in design Have today wired Denver San Francisco not to start dollar coinage until further instructed Taking up matter with Fine Arts Commission tomorrow Transportation requests at Denver

O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2-6738

Cont. The Mint Bureau, 1922.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 10, 1922.

Mr. F. Garrity,
5016 Seminary Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

The piece enclosed in your letter of January 5, 1922 is returned herewith. No coins have been called in by the Government. There are several thousands of these five cent pieces in circulation. The word "Cents" was later added to this design in order to make this denomination more easily known, but pieces similar to that enclosed by you and returned herewith are legal.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 10, 1922.

Mr. Gerald F. Lott,

Three Rivers, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of January 5, 1922 addressed to the Bureau of Mines has been referred to this office. Replying you are advised that all positions in the Mint and Assay Service are subject to civil service examination. I would suggest that you address the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C. for information as to proposed examinations. At present there are no vacancies in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

M M-O Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 10, 1922.

Mr. Thomas Casey,

Shelbyville, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your card of January 7, 1922, I am taking pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", and a pamphlet of "Information respecting United States Bonds, Paper Currency and Coin, Production of Precious Metals, Etc."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 10, 1922.

Mr. L. Ersony Florio,
24 West 60th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of January 3, 1922 addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I regret that at this time there appears no probability that the design submitted by you could be utilized.

Appreciating your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 9, 1922.

Mr. E. E. Blackburn,
c/o Hoosier Stove Company,
Marion, Indiana.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 31st requesting information relative to the Monetary Systems of this country. I am forwarding under separate cover copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which covers the activities of the Mint Service for the fiscal year 1921.

I am not sure what you ask for when you refer to "one silver and gold bullion." If this refers to bars of gold and bars of silver I beg to state that it would not be practicable for us to loan the same from the mint stock.

I am also forwarding copy of circular of information relative to United States Bonds, paper currency, coins, etc.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 10, 1922.

Mr. J. L. Blaize,

Oaktown, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the twenty-five cents enclosed in your letter of January 4th, and am forwarding under separate cover copy of the coinage laws.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1922.

Miss Muriel Harrison,
46 West 50th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Madame:

Replying to your letter, without date, you are advised that dollars of the new design can be obtained at the Reserve Bank in New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1922.

Mr. John Tercek,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Sir:

Assay Office, Seattle, Washington or Boise, Idaho.

M M O'Reilly
acting

Sample returned, unopened, under separate cover.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night—

Washington,

January 11, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco California.

Offer sixty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted SanFrancisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—6758 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 11, 1922.

Mr. R. M. Tidwell,
Lucy, Tennessee,
Route 3.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of ore together with one dollar bill forwarded with your letter of January 8th. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. Approximately five pounds of material desired for assay should be sent to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. A charge of $1.00 is imposed for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined. A visual examination of the enclosed metal would indicate that the same is pyrites and of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 11, 1922.

Mr. Alvin R. Cord,
1714 Greenup St.,
Covington, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter, without date, requesting a list of the prices for copper and small silver coins of foreign countries, you are advised that this Government does not dispose of any of the coins manufactured for foreign governments. These coins are exclusively the property of the Government for whom manufactured. We are not allowed to retain any of them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 11, 1922.

Mr. J. Linn Bedell, Jr.,

Branchville, N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of January 6th addressed to the Philatelic Stamp Agent, Washington, D.C. has been referred by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to this office for reply as to your inquiry in regard to coins.

Referring to your desire to obtain coins from the mint, uncirculated, you are advised that the mints pay out coins only on the order of the Treasurer and do not make a practice of paying out single coins to individuals. I would suggest that you apply to a local bank to obtain specimens of current coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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R. J. Baker

OR

January 11, 1922.

The National Bank of Commerce,

Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the $30.00 in gold forwarded by you under date of January 7 without letter of transmittal. It is thought this may have been intended for exchange for Peace Dollars, and if so it is suggested that you make application to the Reserve Bank in your district.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1922.

Mr. B. F. Wirt, President,
The Federal Savings& Loan Company,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of January 7, 1922, recommending the appointment of Mr. Judson Brenner to a position on the Assay Commission, I beg to advise you that the Director is temporarily absent from the city. Upon his return, within a week, your letter will be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

January 12, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
New York, N. Y.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces silver accepted under terms Pittman Act delivered Philadelphia Mint.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

ISSUE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
This appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 6128.

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January 13, 1922.

Mr. S. E. Chandoin,
904 East Main Street,
Payallup, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date the following is submitted:-

100,000 Pilgrim Half Dollars have been coined.

They were delivered to the Pilgrim Centenary Committee, to be disposed of in connection with the celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims Three Hundred years ago.

It is customary for memorial coins to be sold by the Committee in charge of the celebration of the special event for which the coins are authorized. They are usually sold by the Committee at a premium. The Treasury does not dispose of the coins. They are worth only face value in circulation. If those desiring them as a memento desire to pay a premium there is no law forbidding the sale of them at above the face value.

There is no law which prohibits the sale of rare coins at a premium. The Government neither buys nor sells coins above the face value.

It is understood that the Shawmut National Bank of

Boston is the agent named by the Pilgrim Tercentenary Committee to dispose of the coins and that the price asked for the coins is $1.00 plus postage.

This Bureau will be glad to give you any information it has in connection with its activities at any time.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 13, 1922.

The Bethleham Steel Company,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith monthly statement of account which I have to request you will forward to the institution to which goods were shipped.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1922.

Mr. Ralph W. Porter,
North East, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 11th instant I am forwarding under separate cover a Report of the Director of the Mint which gives information relative to the coinage.

Respectfully,

A. M. Hyde,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1922.

Mr. C. Lee Warden,
Centertown, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th you are advised that Peace dollars can be obtained from any bank. They are distributed by the Treasury to the Banks, principally to the Federal Reserve Banks. There is no premium on the coins. About 800,000 of the 1921 pieces are in circulation, they are not, therefore, rare.

Respectfully,

M. McKeilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 14, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan M. & C. Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer fifty-five thousand ounces silver accepted delivery San Francisco under terms Pittman Act.

Miss O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 14, 1922.

Dear Mr. Chaffin:

Thank you a thousand times for all the kindness you have shown me in the matter of changing the silver dollars. I am enclosing check for $10 which I believe pays what I owe you except for the experimental pieces, five in number, which are to be returned to you when the Director sees them.

Sincerely

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

If the above is not correct will you please let me know.

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January 14, 1922.

Mr. W. W. Alexander,
Land Title Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

The demand for the $2.50 gold piece recurs each year shortly before the holidays. The experience of the Department over a period of years has been that when such demand is met the pieces remain in circulation but a very short time and soon find their way back to the Treasury Department. There is no demand for the piece commercially, and the Department has not felt justified in undertaking the expense of coining the quarter eagle since the demand is comparatively limited and quite temporary.

With appreciation of your very courteous interest I am

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1922.

Mr. George Montague Unger,
854 Hancock Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant addressed to the President, and to letter addressed to you by this Bureau on January 5, relative to designs for coins or medals, you are advised that the Government has not under contemplation any change in a design of a coin. The new Peace Dollar is now being issued, and there has been no difficulty in regard to the design being used. The models were judged by the Fine Arts Commission and the designs selected were considered by that body most worthy.

The coinage laws are very specific in regard to the designs for coins. I know of no occasion to employ the design you describe, but thank you very much for your patriotic interest in the work of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1913.

Mr. F. L. Cook,
793 Crescent Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant you are advised that the Mint at Philadelphia or the United States Assay Office at New York will receive gold and silver scrap if the quantity is sufficient to approach $100.00 in value or over. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the gold at the rate of $20.67 for the gold 1000 fine, and for the silver at the current market rate which changes from day to day. It is now approximately 65 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1922.

Mr. L. F. Hanna,
Spencer, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant; I beg yo advise you that the mints are not now purchasing silver other than that contained in gold deposits, except the silver purchased under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, which requires that certificate must be given that the silver was mined and refined in the United States. As these regulations could not be applied to table wear or old silver ware of any kind I regret that we could not at this time purchase the material you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Newvahner,
Jackson, Ohio.
(First National Bank)

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant relative to Green Backs has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States for attention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1922.

The Public Printer,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It has come to the attention of this Bureau that you have forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for test, gold leaf to determine its integrity in relation to specifications. The Director of the Mint is very glad to place at your disposal the facilities of the Mint service, and a careful test will be made as you desire at the Philadelphia Mint.

It has occurred to this Bureau that it might be of interest to you to know that the tests could be made in the laboratory of this Bureau in the Treasury Department. The suggestion is made in the interest of your greater convenience. It will be a pleasure to cause the work to be done here should you have such tests to be made in the future.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1922.

Mr. F. W. James,
Box 42,
Utica, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th relative to the quarter dollar you are advised that the first coins of the new design quarter dollar had the stars on either side of the coin. An act of Congress authorized a slight change in the arrangement of the stars by placing some of them under the eagle, thus improving the artistic merit of the piece.

The designer of the quarter dollar is Hermon A. McNeil, College Point, New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1922.

Mr. George S. Morrison,
Townsend Elliott & Munson,
715 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th you are advised that $270,232,722 in standard silver dollars were sold during the war under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918. To reproduce that number of silver dollars there will be required 209,008,120 fine ounces of silver. Of this amount approximately 90,000,000 ounces have been purchased.

The production of silver in the United States during the calendar year 1921 is estimated to have been 50,365,000 ounces.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1922.

Mr. J. J. Archbold Forwarders, Inc.,
202 - 204 Franklin Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The following are the denominations of gold coins now current:-

$20.00, $10.00, $5.00 and $2.50.

There were $150,000 in fifty dollar gold pieces coined for the Panama Pacific International Exposition. These coins were delivered to the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company during the Exposition. This is the only $50 gold piece ever authorized.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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January 16, 1922.

Rev. M. L. Landers,
First Methodist Episcopal Church,
Wallace, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant you are advised that there is no law which prohibits the mutilation of coins which are not to be restored to circulation. The law provides a penalty for fraudulently debasing the coins in weight and restoring them to circulation, with intent to defraud. Mutilated minor coins or silver or gold coins are not redeemable. Gold coins are redeemable when they are worn or abraded below the legal limit of tolerance.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining
and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 102,000 ounces of fine silver received this day is accepted for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 18, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan M. C. Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer forty-five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted delivery Mint San Francisco.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Br. Mint Bureau 1922.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 18, 1922.

Dear Senator Willis:

Your letter of January 7, addressed to the President in behalf of the appointment of Mr. Judson Brenner, Youngstown, Ohio, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I shall take pleasure in including the name of Mr. Brenner on the list of names to be submitted to the President.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank B. Willis,
United States Senate.

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January 18, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 50,000 ounces of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act is accepted for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Miss Frances Hodgkinson,
Lowell High School,
San Francisco, Cal.

Miss,-

Replying to your letter of the 12th of January I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 and also a copy of Department Circular #52 which gives information relative to coins paper money, etc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Mr. William H. Gruem,
3542 Russell Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of December 31, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

If you will forward to this Bureau one dollar, together with postage, a Peace Dollar of the first issue, 1921, will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1922

Eimer and Amend,
Third Ave. 18th - 19th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

We have returned to you by parcel post, one set of standard brass sieves 20-100 mesh, 5 inches in diameter, shipped us on our order of January 7th.

In exchange please ship one set of standard brass sieves 20-100 mesh, diameter 8 inches, your catalog number 6186.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1922

Arthur H. Thomas Co.,
West Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

We have forwarded to you under separate cover by parcel post, two pair of shears, catalog #46500, and one pair shears, catalog #4594, shipped us on your order #77858, January 10th.

In exchange please furnish two pair, "BROWN SHEARS" 150 mm, your catalog #16584, and one pair, "BROWN SHEARS" 175 mm, your catalog #16484.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Sgt. Thomas J. O'Leary
29th Infantry,
Camp Benning, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14 you are advised that the half cent of 1808 has on the obverse LIBERTY. Draped bust of Liberty to right, with long loose hair, two side locks drawn back and tied with a ribbon; below 1808. There were 200,000 of these pieces coined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Mr. George L. Crawford,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry in regard to memorial coins you are advised that specimens can be obtained by applying to the following sources:-

Pilgtims Tercentennial Coins, National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

Maine Memorial Coins, State Treasurer, Augusta, Maine.

Missouri Centennial Coins, Sedalia Trust Company, Sedalia, Missouri.

For information as to the sub-treasuries please address the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Miss Muriel Harrison,
48 West 50th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 17th referring to your letter of December 26 in which you enclosed a photograph of your self with the suggestion that the same might be used in connection with the model or design of a coin or note, you are advised that no individual is ever represented on the coin of the United States. The newspaper statements to the effect that a particular woman was used as a model for the head on the standard silver dollar are erroneous.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Mr. Max Rubenstein,
59 Sutter Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th you are advised that the Government does not publish formulae for refining gold and platinum. As possible sources of information I would suggest that you consult such works as the following:-

Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis. Scott.
Sampling and Assaying Precious Metals. E. H. Smith
Metallurgy of Gold. T. R. Rose
The Precious Metals. T. R. Rose.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Dr. A. S. Harrison,
Davidson, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant you are advised that dental scrap is purchased by the mints and assay offices of the United States in quantities valued at $100 and over. Payment is made for the gold and silver content after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum which may be contained in the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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January 19, 1922.

Dear Senator Norris:

I have ypur letter of the 17th relative to a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which was erroneously addressed in this office.

A copy has to-day been sent to Mr. P. T. Unruh, Box 373, Columbus, Nebraska. I regret the delay caused by this mistake.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. George W. Norris,
United States Senate.

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January 19, 1922.

Mr. A. Haas,
P. O. Box 638, Laredo, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant you are advised that the mints and assay offices of the United States purchase Mexican gold coin when presented in quantities of $100 in value and over. Charges are imposed for fitting the material for our coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Mr. C. L. McElhaney,
510 S.W. 5th Street,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter which refers to the gold bullion stock held by the Treasury you are advised that gold certificates are issued against gold bars as well as against gold coin.

For information relative to the Federal Banking Law your letter has been referred to the Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1922.

Messrs. George S. Bush & Company,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the pieces forwarded in your letter of January 11 and have to advise you that I am not able to inform you as to whether the pieces are Chinese, or as to their denomination date of coinage or acceptance in China as coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
Coins to be registered.

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January 20, 1922.

Eimer & Amend,
Third Avenue and 18th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

A package containing a set of sieves intended for you was erroneously sent to Arthur Thomas Company. The Thomas Company has been requested to forward the package to you.

It is probable that the package intended for Arthur Thomas has been sent to you. This package contained shears. If you have received the same will you be kind enough to send the package to Arthur Thomas Company, West Washington Square, Philadelphia, under enclosed frank.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Arthur Thomas Company,
West Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for calling our attention to package sent erroneously to you. Will you be kind enough to forward the same, under enclosed frank, to Eimer and Amend.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Mr. R. O. Hughes,
Peabody High School,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant the following information is submitted:-

1. The Government buys in the open market, on competitive bids, all metal used for the minor coinage.

2. All silver bullion now being purchased by the Government is being purchased at the fixed price of $1.00, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, which requires that the silver must be of domestic origin and reduction. Silver contained in gold deposits, not of domestic origin, is purchased at the market rate for silver on the day purchased.

3. All of the silver purchased for coinage into silver dollars previous to the passage of the Act of April 23, 1918, was manufactured into silver dollars previous to 1904.

4. The Act of April 23, 1918, commonly known as the Pittman Act, authorized the melting of 350,000,000 standard silver dollars the proceeds of which were to be sold. Of this number 270,000,000 standard silver dollars were melted and the silver sold to the British during the war. The silver now being purchased under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, is being coined into silver dollars to replace those melted. The design to be used in the recoinage of silver dollars melted is that recently adopted, called the "Peace" dollar.

I am enclosing as of possible interest a copy of the Act of April 23, 1918, and also a copy of Department Circular which will give you information relative to the silver dollars coined under the terms of the Bland-Allison and the Sherman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Dear Senator Oddie:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the production of silver, has been referred to this Office for attention.

I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint on page 61 of which you will find a table giving the United States production of silver for a series of years, together with the value of the same. There is also a table on page 278 giving the world's production for 1919 and 1920.

If I can be of further assistance to you, won't you please call upon me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate.

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January 19, 1922.

The Grasselli Chemical Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sirs:

In reply to your letter of January 12, 1922, referring to letter of this office dated January 24, 1921, and your letter of January 20, 1921, concerning a certain lot of silver shipped by you to the American Smelting & Refining Company, I beg to advise that under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government is purchasing domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. The silver which is the subject of this correspondence, approximately 23,000 ounces mined by the Butte & Superior Mining Company of Butte, Montana, and shipped to you at Niles, Ohio, in November 1919, then to your zinc smelters in West Virginia, and then to the Perth Amboy refinery of the American Smelting & Refining Company, will be received by the Government and paid for under the terms of the Pittman Act at $1.00 per ounce, provided it is properly supported by miners' and other affidavits. A copy of this letter should be filed with the affidavits supporting the sale in question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Mr. L. H. Cadwallader,
South Philadelphia High School,
Broad & Snyder Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 18, you are advised that the Mint at San Francisco is not now coining for the Philippine Government. For information as to the operations of the Manila Mint I would suggest that you address the "Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Hon. James W. Husted,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Husted:

I have your letter of the 18th of January requesting that a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" be sent to the New Rochelle Public Library, and also that a copy be sent to your Office. The Catalogue is a volume of approximately 600 pages and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, at $1 per copy. We have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Zadig & Co.,
365 Bush Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing an article written by you for the Christmas edition of the San Francisco News Letter, which was forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for attention.

The article has been read with pleasure, and I thank you for your courtesy in sending the copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Mr. M. Simons,
1209 Wakeling St.,
Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I am causing to be sent to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which will give you information relative to the coinage of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Miss Ann Maria Bell,
1727 So. Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Madam:

Your letter of January 10th, addressed to the President relative to a coin owned by you, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I regret that I am unable to advise you in regard to the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of the 16th instant I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1912 and one for 1914. I regret that the editions for the intervening year and subsequent year are exhausted. May I suggest that a file of the Report of the Director of the Mint for a series of years should be at your disposal in one of the public libraries of New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1922.

Mr. A. W. Motz,
415 Ross Avenue,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant you are advised that the following mint marks appear upon the various coins:-

Denver, the letter "D".
San Francisco, the letter "S".
Coins made at the Philadelphia Mint are known by the absence of a mint mark.

The initials of the designers of each of the coins is to be found upon them. There is no intention on the part of the Department to call in the new design dollars bearing the initials of the designer.

No coinage has been executed at the New Orleans Mint since 1909, the institution now being operated as an Assay Office. Coinage started in the Mint at Denver in 1906.

I am enclosing a copy of Department Circular giving information relative to coins and paper money and trust the same will be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

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January 20, 1922.

Mr. Fred Greenday,
Illini Hotel,
Alton, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th you are advised that it is probable very little subsidiary silver coin, or minor coin, if any, will be minted during the coming year, as there is a large stock of such coins in the Treasury. Silver dollars will, presumably, be coined throughout the year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 21, 1922.

Hon. William A. Ashbrook,
Johnstown, Pa.

Your name on list to be submitted to President.

Baker

Director Mint.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
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January 22, 1922.

American Smelting Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Your offer one and half million ounces silver accepted delivery Philadelphia under terms Pittman Act.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE. Washington,

January 21, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer forty-seven thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted delivery San Francisco.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.
2--5728 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

January 21, 1922.

Memorandum for
Mr. Riddle:

Regular reports are received by the Mint Bureau from the following countries, upon the subjects indicated:

Mint Reports	Mining Reports	Finance Reports	Trade Reports
Mexico	Nova Scotia	France	India
Belgium	Rhodesia	Japan	
Japan	Australia	India	
Colombia	Canada	Austro-Hungarian Bank	
Sweden	India	Switzerland	
Great Britian	South Africa		
India	France & Algeria		
France			

Statistical Reports
Netherlands & Colonies
British India
New Zealand
Norway
India (Bank)

Occasional reports are also received as follows:

Mint Reports	Mining Reports	Statistical Reports	Labor Reports
Peru (1919)	Tasmania (1918)	Roumania (1920)	Chile
Netherlands (1918)	Sweden	Federated Malay States (1919)	
Australia		Argentina (1920)	
Netherlands (1919)		Uruguay (June 1921)	

Commercial Statistics
India
Norway
Japan

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1913.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of December were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic bullion	- 295,932.67	fine ounces
Unrefined foreign bullion	- 129,298.88	" "
Foreign silver coin	- 56,399.76	" "

Respectfully,

R. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

Mr. Walter J. Dawkins,
1119 Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 19, relative to procuring five of the "Peace" dollars, I beg to say that if you will forward the value of the coins, plus the cost of mailing the same, to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, that officer may be able to supply you with the coins.

I would suggest that this be done as promptly as possible as the supply is practically exhausted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

The Missouri Centennial Exposition,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

In October, 1921, the Sedalia Trust Company, which had acted as agent for the Missouri Centennial Exposition in disposing of memorial coins, advised this Office that it was found impossible to dispose of the 50,000 pieces in half dollars which it had undertaken to sell, and asked that the coins be received back by the Mint, the balance on the hands of the bank being approximately 30,000 pieces.

The Mint at Philadelphia has now on hand 29,600 of these pieces. Applications being received by the Trust Company named for specimens of the coins are being referred to the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Mint cannot undertake to distribute special coins, and cannot be required to collect above face value for any coins distributed through the usual channels, namely by orders drawn by the Treasurer of the United States.

As the number of these memorial coins sold by the Bank were, it is understood, sold at $1.00, it would appear to be undesirable that the coins now on hand at the Mint be sent into circulation at face value. As there is apparently still some demand for the coins, would it not be possible for your committee to designate the number you wish to have retained for possible distribution, and name an agent to handle such distribution for you.

Before instructing the Mint to dispose of the coins they have on hand I would like very much to hear from you and will be glad to have an expression of your views in the premises.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter L-659, dated the 12th instant, beg to advise that the affidavit form which accompanied our letter of June 15, 1921, arranged so as to include several lots of silver on single sheets when said silver is to be sold to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, should, in view of the amended wording for miners' affidavits approved by the Under-Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 2, 1921, be amended for future use in that portion which follows the tabulation of the various lots, as follows: "Deponent further says that settlement has been made for said silver to the amount of ----- fine ounces on basis of not less than $1.00 per ounce, adjusted to the equivalent price for silver .999 fine, and to the cost of delivery Refinery to Mint."

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sirs:

With reference to letter of this office dated June 15, 1921, forwarding sample form of Miner's Affidavit sheet so arranged as to include several lots of silver on single sheet when said silver is to be sold to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, I beg to advise that same should, in view of the amended wording for miners' affidavits approved by the Under-Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 2, 1921, be amended for future use in that portion which follows the tabulation of the various lots, as follows: "Deponent further says that settlement has been made for said silver to the amount of ----- fine ounces on basis of not less than $1.00 per ounce, adjusted to the equivalent price for silver .999 fine, and to the cost of delivery Refinery to Mint."

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this office dated June 15, 1921, forwarding sample form of Miner's Affidavit sheet so arranged as to include several lots of silver on single sheet when said silver is to be sold to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, I beg to advise that same should, in view of the amended wording for miners' affidavits approved by the Under-Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 2, 1921, be amended for future use in that portion which follows the tabulation of the various lots, as follows:

"Deponent further says that settlement has been made for said silver to the amount of ----- fine ounces on basis of not less than $1.00 per ounce, adjusted to the equivalent price for silver .999 fine, and to the cost of delivery Refinery to Mint."

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this office dated June 15, 1921, forwarding sample form of Miner's Affidavit sheet so arranged as to include several lots of silver on single sheet when said silver is to be sold to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, I beg to advise that same should, in view of the amended wording for miners' affidavits approved by the Under-Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 8, 1921, be amended for future use in that portion which follows the tabulation of the various lots, as follows:

"Deponent further says that settlement has been made for said silver to the amount of ----- fine ounces on basis of not less than $1.00 per ounce, adjusted to the equivelent price for silver .999 fine, and to the cost of delivery Refinery to Mint."

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this office dated June 15, 1921, forwarding sample form of Miner's Affidavit sheet so arranged as to include several lots of silver on single sheets when said silver is to be sold to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, I beg to advise that same should, in view of the amended wording for miners' affidavits approved by the Under-Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 2, 1921, be amended for future use in that portion which follows the tabulation of the various lots, as follows:

"Deponent further says that settlement has been made for said silver to the amount of-----fine ounces on basis of not less than $1.00 per ounce, adjusted to the equivalent price for silver ,999 fine, and to the cost of delivery Refinery to Mint."

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this office dated June 15, 1921, forwarding sample form of Miner's Affidavit sheet so arranged as to include several lots of silver on single sheet when said silver is to be sold to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, I beg to advise that same should, in view of the amended wording for miners' affidavits approved by the Under-Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 2, 1921, be amended for future use in that portion which follows the tabulation of the various lots, as follows:

"Deponent further says that settlement has been made for said silver to the amount of ----- fine ounces on basis of not less than $1.00 per ounce, adjusted to the equivalent price for silver .999 fine, and to the cost of delivery Refinery to Mint."

Respectfully,

Dr. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

Under puragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920 to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 6, 1920. Sales of the silver on hand January 17, 1920 must be supported by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

Sales of silver January 17 to May 15, 1920 are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock) plus the receipts from January 17, 1920 to June 30, 1920, the end of the first accounting period. Sales after May 15, 1920 at a price exceeding $1.00 per ounce and losses in operation are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting

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from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock), plus your receipts to the end of the accounting period in which the items are made a matter of record. It will be noted from this that if you expect to sell to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920, new bases for allocation of sales between domestic and foreign are established, which will necessitate the rendition to the Director of the Mint of new accounts from the time purchases were first made under the terms of the Act.

Please also note that if any refined mixed silver was on hand June 17, 1920 and same was sold to the United States such sales must be supported by affidavits evidencing that the domestic silver contained therein was delivered to your reduction works since January 17, 1920. If such affidavits have not been and cannot be furnished, future sales to the Government should be reduced by quantity which has been so sold. In your reports to be furnished please indicate quantity of refined silver on hand June 17, 1920 with its disposition and any other pertinent information concerning same.

Please also note that each periodical report should clearly indicate the quantity of silver which has been refined during the accounting period.

Enclosed find blank forms, roughly prepared, which may be used as a guide in preparing your reports. It is believed that these forms, if followed, will provide all the information, in convenient form, for properly considering the question of quantity salable, allocation between domestic and foreign, etc. It is expected that the information called for by these forms will be furnished by you so far as pertinent to your business and to your sales to the United States. Early attention to these matters is requested as it is desired to have a complete accounting to December 31, 1921, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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VENDOR'S NAME and those of subsidiaries.

(Period)

SILVER RECEIPTS (in fine ounces)

Plants and agencies	Opening Stocks	Purchases and receipts. On toll basis For whose quantity	Purchases and receipts. Salable as Domestic 1/	Purchases and receipts. Foreign and other	From company plants and agencies in United States	Operatin gains.
Totals this period						
Percentages this period			?	?		
Totals previous report						
Percentages previous report			?	?		
Totals to date						
Percentages to date			?	?		

1/ As conforming to Pittman Act and Treasury regulations.

SILVER ISSUES (in fine ounces).

Plants and agencies	On toll basis for whom Quantity	Sales	Operating Losses	To company plants and agencies in United States	Closing Stocks.
Totals this period					
Totals per previous report					
Totals to date					

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VENDOR'S NAME
(Period)

SILVER SALES (in fine ounces)

To whom sold	Subject to Pittman Act price of $1.00 per ounce 1/	Not subject to Pittman Act price of $1.00 per ounce		Total
		At price under $1.00 per ounce	At price $1.00 and over per ounce	
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia				
U. S. Mint, Denver				
U. S. Mint, San Francisco				
U.S. Assay Office, New York				
Totals				

REFINED BULLION PRODUCED (in fine ounces)

Current period	- - -
Previous report	- - -
Total to date	- - -

1/ Include that not sold directly to the United States if supported by affidavits for resale.

ALLOCATION OF SILVER SALES TO SOURCE OF PRODUCTION (in fine ounces).

Items	Total Sales	Salable as domestic 2/		Foreign and other	
		%	Quantity	%	Quantity
Current period -					
Subject to Pittman Act Price, $1.00 -		100		- -	
Miscel. under $1.00 - - - - - - - -		- -		100	
Other (Miscel. $1 and over) - - - -		?		?	
Total, current period - - - - - - - -					
Prior Miscel. sales - - - - - - - - - -					
Total Jan. 17, 1920 to date - - - - - -					

2/ As conforming to Pittman Act and Treasury regulations.

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January 25, 1922.

Mr. H. G. Conger,
The Council of Boards of Benevolence
Of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
740 Rush Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 9th relative to your proposal to make a stereoptican of a $5.00 gold piece you are advised that this proceedure is against the regulations of the Department and it is prohibited. I am enclosing an excerpt from the Penal Code which explains this attitude of the Department.

I regret that we cannot supply you with other views you request of mines and mining regions in California. I would suggest, however, the possibility of the United States Geological Survey or the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department, being able to supply you with views which might be used for your lecture.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1922.

Mr. Alva Feik,
1441 Madison Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant the following is submitted:-

	1908	1909	1921
One Cent Pieces.---	$334,429	$1,176,862	$544,310

	1912	1913	1921
Five Cent Pieces.-	1,747,435	5,68.2,961	611,000

	1916	1917	1921
Dimes, ----------	5,720,400	9,196,.200	231,000
Quarters --------	2,095,200	9,464,400	479,000
Halves ----------	1,065,200	10,751,700	501,000
Dollars ---------	-------	---------	87,736,473

The design recently adopted for the standard silver dollar will be coined by all of the mints during the current year.

Coinage at the Mint in New Orleans was discontinued in April 1909.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1922.

Mr. Le Roy E. Teeple,
177 Broad Street,
Perth Amboy, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant you are advised that the Peace Dollar has not been called in. The silver dollars of new design will continue to be manufactured throughout the current year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1922.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th of January relative to procuring special coins. I understand that you will have no difficulty in procuring an uncirculated $20 gold piece if you address the Treasurer of the United States. You are free to refer to this letter if you desire to do so.

In regard to the Missouri coin, I have written to the Missouri Centennial Committee in reference to those now on hand at the Mint. The Sedalia Trust Company which was the agent named by the Centennial Committee to dispose of the coins, returned to the Mint over 29,000 pieces. Requests now being received by the Centennial Committee are being referred to the Mint. The Mint cannot, of course, be required to dispose of the coins for the Committee. Those sold by the Centennial Committee were, presumably, sold at a premium, and it would appear to be an injustice to the purchasers to dispose of the coins on hand at face value. As soon as I am advised by the Missouri Centennial Committee in regard to their attitude concerning the coins, I will advise you.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

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January 23, 1922.

Mr. Elton R. Darling,
Professor of Chemistry,
Decatur, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant you are advised that this Office does not compile statisties covering the amounts of the precious metals used in the individual industries. I am, therefore, unable to advise you as to the amount used in the manufacture of photographic materials.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Picture Press, Inc.,
1465 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

Replying to your letter of the 20th you are advised that it would be against the law to reproduce photographs of coins. It is against the regulations of the Department to permit of the photographing of machinery and appliances used in the manufacturing of coin, or other securities of the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 23, 1922.

Mr. H. A. Ferrandou,
Treasurer for Receiver,
New Orleans Railway & Light Co.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, beg to state that as previously advised your bill in the sum of $54.20 for service rendered in July 1919, to the New Orleans Mint, cannot be paid until the appropriation has been granted by the Congress. This may require several months. The small bill of $14.82 was paid out of a small balance available from the original appropriation.

It is suggested that, in this connection, prompt rendition of bills will usually insure prompt payment. The delay in rendering the two bills in question has never been explained to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Anaconda Copper Mining Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

Under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920 to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 6, 1920. Such proof of source of the bullion on hand January 17, 1920 at your plants has been filed in this office, with the exception of the statements of your plant superintendents. Salesof the silver on hand January 17, 1920 must be supported by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

Sales of silver January 17 to May 15, 1920 are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock) plus the receipts from January 17, 1920 to June 30, 1920, the end of the first accounting period. Sales after

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May 15, 1920 at a price exceeding $1.00 per ounce and losses in operation are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock), plus your receipts to the end of the accounting period in which the items are made a matter of record. It will be noted from this that if you expect to sell to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920, new bases for allocation of sales between domestic and foreign are established, which will necessitate the rendition to the Director of the Mint of new accounts from the time purchases were first made under the terms of the Act.

Please also note that if any refined mixed silver was on hand June 17, 1920 and same was sold to the United States such sales must be supported by affidavits evidencing that the domestic silver contained therein was delivered to your reduction works since January 17, 1920. If such affidavits have not been and cannot be furnished, future sales to the Government should be reduced by quantity which has been so sold. In your reports to be furnished please indicate quantity of refined silver on hand June 17, 1920 with its disposition and any other pertinent information concerning same.

Please also note that each periodical report should clearly indicate the quantity of silver which has been refined during the accounting period.

Enclosed find blank forms, roughly prepared, which may be used as a guide in preparing your reports. It is believed that these forms, if followed, will provide all the information, in convenient form, for properly considering the question of quantity salable, allocation between domestic and foreign, etc. It is expected that the information called for by these forms will be furnished by you so far as pertinent to your business and to your sales to the United States. Early attention to these matters is requested as it is desired to have a complete accounting to December 31, 1921, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

Under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920 to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 6, 1920. Sales of the silver on hand January 17, 1920 must be supported by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

Sales of silver January 17 to May 15, 1920 are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock) plus the receipts from January 17, 1920 to June 30, 1920, the end of the first accounting period. Sales after May 15, 1920 at a price exceeding $1.00 per ounce and losses in

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Please also note that if any refined mixed silver was on hand June 17, 1920 and same was sold to the United States such sales must be supported by affidavits evidencing that the domestic silver contained therein was delivered to your reduction works since January 17, 1920. If such affidavits have not been and cannot be furnished, future sales to the Government should be reduced by quantity which has been so sold. In your reports to be furnished please indicate quantity of refined silver on hand June 17, 1920 with its disposition and any other pertinent information concerning same.

Please also note that each periodical report should clearly indicate the quantity of silver which has been refined during the accounting period.

Enclosed find blank forms, roughly prepared, which may be used as a guide in preparing your reports. It is believed that these forms, if followed, will provide all the information, in convenient form, for properly considering the question of quantity salable, allocation between domestic and foreign, etc. It is expected that the information called for by these forms will be furnished by you so far as pertinent to your business and to your sales to the United States. Early attention to these matters is requested as it is desired to have a complete accounting to December 31, 1921, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

It is noted that while all of your early sales of silver under the terms of the Act were of unmixed stock, later sales were of mixed domestic and foreign silver. Such being the case it will be necessary that you render sworn extracts from your books according to the forms accompanying this letter for the entire period during which sales under the Act have been made, the text of the affidavit thereon to cover all pertinent facts called for by the regulations, copy enclosed.

Under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, The Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920 to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 8, 1920. Sales of the silver on hand January 17, 1920 must be supported

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by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

Sales of silver January 17, 1920 to May 15, 1920 are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock) plus the receipts from January 17, 1920 to June 30, 1920, the end of the first accounting period. Sales after May 15, 1920 at a price exceeding $1.00 per ounce and losses in operation are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock), plus your receipts to the end of the accounting period in which the items are made a matter of record. It will be noted from this that if you expect to sell to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920, new bases for allocation of sales between domestic and foreign are established, which will necessitate the rendition to the Director of the Mint of new accounts from the time purchases were first made under the terms of the Act.

Please also note that if any refined mixed silver was on hand June 17, 1920 and same was sold to the United States such sales must be supported by affidavits evidencing that the domestic silver contained therein was delivered to your reduction works since January 17, 1920. If such affidavits have not been and cannot be furnished, future sales to the Government should be reduced by quantity which has been so sold. In your reports to be furnished please indicate quantity of refined silver on hand June 17, 1920 with its disposition and any other pertinent information concerning same.

Please also note that each periodical report should clearly indicate the quantity of silver which has been refined during the accounting period.

Enclosed find blank forms, roughly prepared, which may be used as a guide in preparing your reports. It is believed that these forms, if followed, will provide all the information, in convenient form, for properly considering the question of quantity salable, allocation between domestic and foreign, etc. It is expected that the information called for by these forms will be furnished by you so far as pertinent to your business and to your sales to the United States. Early attention to these matters is requested as it is desired to have a complete accounting to December 31, 1921, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

Under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920 to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 6, 1920. Sales of the silver on hand January 17, 1920, must be supported by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

Under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the silver on hand January 17, 1920 to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 6, 1920. Sales of the silver on hand January 17, 1920 must be supported by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

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from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock), plus your receipts to the end of the accounting period in which the items are made a matter of record. It will be noted from this that if you expect to sell to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920, new bases for allocation of sales between domestic and foreign are established, which will necessitate the rendition to the Director of the Mint of new accounts from the time purchases were first made under the terms of the Act.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The question of accounting in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act has been under consideration and the following is brought to your attention:

Under paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver, revised December 2, 1921, the Government will purchase domestic silver which was on hand at reduction works January 17, 1920, if it meets the requirements of the regulations, as well as that received since that date. If it is your expectation to dispose of any of the domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920, to the Government it will be necessary to establish the production sources thereof. For the purpose of establishing domestic production of such bullion a sworn extract from your books indicating the quantities of domestic, of foreign, and of total silver on hand will be required, this to be supported by sworn statements of the Superintendents of the smelters receiving the silver, showing the names of the miners or other depositors with the amounts received from each, and all classified as to domestic or foreign. Such sworn statements must state expressly that the information contained therein is based upon liquidation sheets filed with the smelters, and that such liquidation sheets are in the custody of the smelters and constitute part of their records. These statements will be similar to those required for establishing source of silver receipts since January 17, 1920 as per paragraph 3 of regulations, revised under date of October 6, 1920. Sales of the silver on hand January 17, 1920 must be supported by the usual affidavits, including those of the miners.

Sales of silver January 17 to May 15, 1920 are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920 (if you expect to sell to the Government domestic silver in such stock) plus the receipts from January 17, 1920 to June 30, 1920, the end of the first accounting period. Sales after May 15, 1920 at a price exceeding $1.00 per ounce and losses in operation are to be allocated as domestic or foreign on the basis of proportion resulting from considering the stock on hand January 17, 1920

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Please also note that if any refined mixed silver was on hand June 17, 1920 and same was sold to the United States such sales must be supported by affidavits evidencing that the domestic silver contained therein was delivered to your reduction works since January 17, 1920. If such affidavits have not been and cannot be furnished, future sales to the Government should be reduced by quantity which has been so sold. In your reports to be furnished please indicate quantity of refined silver on hand June 17, 1920 with its disposition and any other pertinent information concerning same.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 25, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Company
120 Broadway,
New York City

Offer eighty nine thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker

Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—3758

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

4—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 25, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California

Offer forty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of January 18, 1922, I have to advise that silver in lieu of that in question, approximately 83,200 ounces, covered by affidavit of the Treasurer of the Phelps Dodge Corporation, will be purchased by the Government under amended (December 2, 1921) paragraph 5 of regulations governing sales of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, if it meets the requirements of such Act and the regulations and is properly supported by the usual affidavits. In this connection, please refer to letter of this office dated January 24, 1922.

Copy of your letter of January 18th and the affidavit mentioned above are enclosed herewith and should be filed, with copy of this letter, when the affidavits are forwarded in support of the sale of the silver in question to the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

Mexican dollar.....$	.5171
British & Hongkong dollar..	.5133
Yuan dollar.....	.5114

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 25, 1922.

The Director General of the Pan American Union,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

For several years the monthly bulletin of the Pan American Union has been furnished this office. It's contents has proven valuable in the work of the office and I have to request that if possible it be continued. We do not appear to have received any issues since that of July 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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General Supply Committee,
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sirs:

With return of enclosed vouchers covering typewriters furnished the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, $59.50, and the U. S. Mint, Carson City, $52.65, will you kindly indicate the appropriations or revenue funds to which the amounts should be credited.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 15, 1921 this office suggested a form of miner's affidavit sheet, in connection with purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, arranged so as to permit including several lots on a single sheet, the purpose being to avoid unnecessary multiplication of papers in cases where numerous lots of metal from a mine are being routed regularly through the same smelter and refiner.

Herewith enclosed please find an amended form of such affidavit to conform with the regulations as amended December 2, 1921, this amended form to be used in future.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. C. S. Cummings,
18 Tremont Street, Room 1149,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24th you are advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. A new supply has been requested and I will be glad to forward a copy to you as soon as available.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1922.

United Hotels Selling Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver, submitted by telegram of this date, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Bunning,
San Francisco Hospital, Ward 23,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 21, 1921 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 26, 1922.

Dear Congressman Sims:

I am enclosing herewith copy of Report for the calendar year 1919 to which I have added the coinage of 1920 and 1921. I am also enclosing Circulation Statement dated January 1, 1922 which gives the amount of gold and silver in circulation on that date. This Circulation Statement is issued monthly and should you desire to receive a copy of the February 1st issue I will be glad to have it forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. T. W. Sims,
The Brighton,
Washington, D.C.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Pellett,

Webster, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 20th you are advised that if you will address the Federal Reserve Bank of your district you may be able to obtain a Peace dollar; if not, you might address the Treasurer of the United States who may be able to supply you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. Geo. H. Peters,
11 Stahl Square,
Connellsville, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23 you are advised that if you will address the Federal Reserve Bank of your district you may be able to obtain a Peace dollar; if not, you might address the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. who may be able to supply you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 26, 1922.

Mr. Hiram S. Garst,

Claremore, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 21st you are advised that if you will address the Federal Reserve Bank of your district you may be able to obtain a Peace dollar; if not, you might address the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. who may be able to supply you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works

3600 No. Second St., St. Louis, Mo.

January 26, 1922.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4409	Nitric Acid, C.P.	1	case 500		
4457	Barium Chloride, C.P.	500	gm. 500	.45	45
4598	Potassium ferrocyanid, C.P.	500	gm. 500	1.12	1 12
4641	Strontium chloride, C.P.	500	gm.	.56	56

Director of the Mint

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U. S. Rubber Company

1790 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

January 26, 1922.

3000	Aprons, Rubber-coated canvas Laboratory aprons(b) (2) Length approx. 48 in. width approx. 33 in.	2	ea.	1.65	3 30

Director of the Mint.

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I. Glaser & Co.

929 I St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

January 26, 1922

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D.C., Treasury Department.

3094 b	Unbleached muslin	10	yd.	.095	95

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Lexington Laboratory Supply Co., Inc., January 26, 1922.

339 Courtland St., Baltimore, Md.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

5010	Beakers, Griffin's, low form				
	(e) 400 c.c.	12	ea.	.26	3 12
	(f) 600 c.c.	12	ea.	.30	3 60
	(g) 800 c.c.	12	ea.	.35	4 20

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Special Chemical Company, Inc.,
513 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, Ill.

January 26, 1922.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4446	Ammonium thiocyanate	500	500 gm.	1.88	1 88

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Shoemaker & Busch

511 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

January 26, 1922

Labatory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4597	Potassium ferricyanid , c.p.	500	gm.	500 1.57		1 57

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

E. D. Gilman,

627 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

January 26, 1922

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D.C. Treasury Building.

4444	Ammonium persulphate, c.p.	500	500 gm.	1.10	1 10
4651	Zinc sticks, c.p. (4)	500	500 gm.	.69	69

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. A. Abate,
3225 Grand Route St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd you are advised that the piece described by you is what is known as a "token." Many pieces of this type were issued during the Civil War. They have no special numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. W. L. Kemp,
Kincastle,
Saskatchewan, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 16th you are advised that three-cent silver pieces were coined from 1851 to 1873 inclusive. I am therefore not able to advise you the date of the coin you have in your possession.

The Treasury does not maintain a list of coin dealers and I regret for that reason I am not able to suggest the name of those who might be interested in rare coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 19th you are advised that there is no late edition of the coinage laws.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 26, 1922.

Mr. A. A. Hopkins,
Scientific American Publishing Co.,
233 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24th relative to the purchase of gold and that which an ounce of gold would purchase in the form of labor, I beg to say that this calculation may have been based upon the fact that the standard price of gold is $20.67 an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. E. L. Balke,
12910 Locke Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd addressed to the Bureau of Standards you are advised that the Department does not publish pamphlets of instruction on the assaying and alloying of precious metals. I would suggest, however, that the following publications may be of interest to you:

Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis. Scott.
Sampling and Assaying Precious Metals. E.H. Smith
Metallurgy of Gold. T.R. Rose
The Precious Metals. T.R. Rose.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 26, 1922.

Mr. C. K. McCain,

Kokomo, Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of December 28th addressed to the United States Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for reply. Silver now being purchased by the Government is that purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act which requires that the silver shall be accompanied by affidavit showing that the same was produced in the United States and reduced in United States reduction works. The Government also purchases silver contained in gold deposits and pays for that silver at the market price of silver on the day the gold is deposited. Such articles as silver tableware and silver scrap of any kind free from gold would not be received by the mints or assay offices at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1922.

Mr. E. T. Montoulieu,
Chief, Monetary Bureau,
Secretaria de Hacienda,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

Responding to your request of January 21, 1922, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1922.

Mr. E. E. Lingel, Asst. Cashier,
First National Bank,
Napoleon, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 25, 1922, relative to Grant Memorial coins you are advised that the bill authorizing this coinage has not yet been passed. When the bill becomes law, however, the coins will be distributed by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association and not by the Treasury Department.

Requests for such coins should be addressed to Hon. U. L. Nichols, Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1922.

Mr. James L. Crowley,
1116 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd relative to opening the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia to visitors, you are advised that the Department regulation closing that institution to sight-seers has not been amended and I am therefore unable to reply favorably to your inquiry.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Jamary 27, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of January 26th will state that when considering the question of proof which would be required as to domestic source of silver on hand at smelters January 17, 1920, there was not overlooked the information contained in your affidavit of October 26, 1921 accompanying statement showing origin of silver on hand at your smelters January 18, 1920, "that it is impracticable to go back and secure supporting miners' affidavits from all of the shippers so shown, as many of them were small and unimportant producers who in many instances probably kept no proper books or records of their transactions."

The Department has not at any time seriously considered the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act without the best obtainable evidence as to domestic production. In the few cases where silver has been purchased without a miner's affidavit the purchase has been supported by other affidavits which left no reasonable ground for question as to source.

It is noted from your schedule of silver on hand January 18, 1920 that by far the larger portion was received from concerns which should be able to furnish miners' affidavits unquestionably establishing source. It is also noted from your schedule that in some instances silver which is stated to have been received from domestic sources was probably produced, at least in part, in foreign countries; for example, there is information on file in this office indicating that the larger part of the silver handled in 1919 by the Mineral Point Zinc Company was produced outside of the United States. It is also known that Beer, Sondheimer and Company handle foreign-produced materials.

It is believed to be to the best interests of all concerned that we adhere to the requirement that miners' affidavits be furnished to support all sales to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act, of silver on hand at smelters January 17, 1920.

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Concerning the method of prorating, between foreign and domestic, sales made at more than $1.00 per ounce, will state that the percentage to be applied is that established by quantity on hand January 17, 1920, plus receipts to the end of the accounting period during which the sales are made, rather than to the date of actual sale. Accounting periods are quarters of the calendar year, or calendar months, at your option.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1922.

Mr. C. Lee Warden,

Centertown, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24th relative to procuring a Peace Dollar I would suggest that you address a letter to the Treasurer of the United States relative to procuring a specimen of the same. The 1922 coinage will soon be delivered by all of the Mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
January 26, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco California

Offer forty five thousand ounces silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 24, 1922.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully recommend that you appoint the following members of the Annual Assay Commission, which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on the 8th of February, 1922, in accordance with Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes:-

Mr. Robert Armstrong, Washington, D.C.
Mr. William A. Ashbrook, Johnstown, Ohio.
Mr. Judson Brenner, Youngstown, Ohio.
Mr. William E. Duggan, Durango, Colorado.
Mr. J. U. Eldredge, Jr., Ogden, Utah.
Mr. John W. Hart, Rigby, Idaho.
Mr. Robert F. Hyatt, Anderson, Indiana.
Mr. A. R. Johnson, St. George, S.C.
Mrs. John M. Judah, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Mr. Frank I. Liveright, Newark, N.J.
Mr. Tasker Lowndes, Cumberland, Md.
Dr. George P. Merrill, Washington. D.C.
Mr. Charles Moore, Washington, D.C.
Dr. William Perry Morgan, Washington, D.C.
Mrs. D. C. Sharpe, Greensboro, N.C.
Dr. S.W. Stratton, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Ambrose Swasey, Cleveland, Ohio.
Dr. Walter D. Taggart, Philadelphia, Pa.
Congressman Vestal.

The Comptroller of the Currency.
The Judge of the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
The Assayer, U.S. Assay Office, New York.

} Ex-officio members.

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The duty of the Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1921. At all of the mints, out of every delivery of coin to the Treasury, a certain number of pieces are taken and forwarded under seal to the Philadelphia Mint for examination by the Commission in order to secure due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards of fineness and weight. The law provides that the Commission shall consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the Assay Office at New York and such other persons as the President shall designate.

No compensation is provided for the members of the Commission, but their actual and necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia by the most direct route and while in attendance are reimbursed.

Faithfully yours,

F. O. Nelson

The President,
The White House.

Norman H. Davis

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. Robert B. Armstrong,
604 Hibbs Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

On the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint at eleven o'clock February 8, 1922. The sessions of this Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed.

Please advise this office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Dr. George P. Merrill,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merrill:

On the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint at eleven o'clock February 8, 1922. The sessions of this Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed.

Please advise this office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Mr. Charles Moore,
Chairman, Fine Arts Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moore:

On the Recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint at eleven o'clock February 8, 1922. The sessions of this Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed.

Please advise this office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Dr. William Perry Morgan,
1624 I St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Morgan:

On the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint at eleven o'clock February 8, 1922. The sessions of this Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed.

Please advise this office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Dr. S. W. Stratton,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Stratton:

On the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint at eleven o'clock February 8, 1922. The sessions of this Commission last about three days.. No compensation is allowed, but traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed.

Please advise this office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

On the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint at eleven o'clock February 8, 1922. The sessions of this Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed.

Please advise this office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures,
Washington, D.C.

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January 28, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant will state that, with further reference to 2nd paragraph of letter of this office dated January 24th, your schedule of silver on hand January 17, 1920 should contain such items as you are willing to declare, under oath, to be those which fairly represent the quantity of silver on hand that date as disclosed by your records. It is not contemplated that a proportion of the receipts for any period prior to January 17, 1920 be used in this connection.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker.

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Mr. M. L. Vogel,
1338 Washburn Street,
Scranton, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd you are advised that the bill authorizing the coinage of the one dollar gold piece as a memorial to President Grant has not yet become law, but has been passed by both houses of Congress and now goes to the President. The coins will be distributed through the Grant Memorial Centennial Association and the Treasury will not handle them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Cashier, Iowa Loan & Trust Co.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24th relative to new coins, you are advised that the only new coin now under consideration is the Grant Memorial coin. The bill has not yet become law but has been passed by both houses of Congress and now goes to the President. The coins will be distributed through the Grant Memorial Centennial Association and the Treasury will not handle them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1922.

Mr. James B. Field,
57 Sun Building,
Jackson, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of January 24th addressed to the Honorable Charles S. Townsend, United States Senate, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

I would suggest that the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia", for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., might be of interest to you. I would be glad to forward a copy of this volume but we have none for gratuitous distribution.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Treasury Circular which will give you information relative to the Bland Silver Act, also a copy of the Act of April 23, 1918, known as the Pittman Bill. I am also enclosing pamphlet copy of the coinage laws covering the matter of designs, etc.

It is against the law to publish photographs of coins, and I am therefore unable to assist you in that respect. If this office can be of further service to you please advise me.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baston

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 29, 1922.

M. M. Levy & Company,
Keystone Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of January 26th you are advised that to date 30,000,000 ounces of fine silver have been purchased under the Pittman Act. To recoin the number of silver dollars melted and sold 209,000,000 will be required.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1922.

Dear Congressman Burton:

I have your letter of January 26, 1922 relative to a Lincoln gold dollar and half dollar.

It is suggested that the one who addressed the inquiry to you meant the Grant Memorial Dollar, the coinage of which has been proposed. The Bill authorizing this coinage has not yet been approved. If, however, this coinage is authorized the distribution will take place through the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, and request for the coin should be addressed to Hon. U. L. Nichols, Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Theodore E. Burton,
House of Representatives.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

13 Separate Messages January 26, 1922.

Mr. William A. Ashbrook, Johnstown, Ohio
Mr. Judson Brenner, Youngstown, Ohio
Mr. William E. Duggan, Durango, Colorado
Mr. J. U. Eldredge, Jr., Ogden, Utah
Mr. John W. Hart, Rigby, Idaho
Mr. Robert F. Hyatt, Anderson, Indiana
Mr. A. R. Johnston, St. George, South Carolina
Mrs. John M. Judah, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. Frank I Liveright, Newark, N. J., c/o L. Bamberger & Co.
Mr. Tasker Lowndes, Cumberland, Md.
Mr. Ambrose Swasey, Cleveland, Ohio
Dr. Walter T. Taggart, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. B. C. Sharpe, Greensboro, North Carolina, 220 E. Lee Street.

On the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury the President has today appointed you member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the United States Mint Philadelphia eleven o'clock February eighth Sessions of Commission last about three days No compensation except that traveling and subsistence expenses by most direct route to and from Philadelphia will be reimbursed Please wire this office whether or not you can serve

Ray T. Baker

Director of the Mint

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128 A.

Cont. Dr. Mint Bureau, 1922.

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January 27, 1922

Arthur H. Thomas Co.
West Washington Square.
Phila. Pa.

Gentlemen;

Replying to your letter of January 26th. relative to our request for "Brown Shears", and stating you do not list these shears, we are inclosing herewith a page from your 1906 Catalog "F" showing them listed as #16484.

In reply to our request for a more recent catalog some time ago, you assured us that one would be forwarded from a new issue then in your printers hands, but same has never been received by this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Bush

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 26, 1922.

Dear Congressman James:

Referring to your telephoned request for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, I regret to state that the edition is entirely exhausted. Request is being entered for an additional supply of this publication and when filled I will be pleased to send you a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker.

Director of the Mint.

Honorable W. Frank James,

House of Representatives.

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January 28, 1922.

Mr. Anthony de Francisci,
24 West 60th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 27th enclosing itemized expenses of trips to Washington and Philadelphia. The trips to Washington on December 15th and December 19th the Department is aware were duly authorized. Will you please advise this Bureau on what authority your trips from New York to Philadelphia on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 28th were made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant please be advised that the matter of accounting periods, in connection with the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, is fully covered by letter of this office dated January 27, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 30, 1922.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1921 will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on the 6th day of February at 11 o'clock, A.M. As prescribed by Sec. 3547 of the Revised Statutes, you, as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, are an ex-officio member of this Annual Assay Commission.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to your ability to attend the sessions of the Commission?

For your information, I enclose a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Annual Assay, the Rules for Organization and the Proceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. Whitaker Thompson,
Judge of the U.S. District Court,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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January 30, 1922.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1921, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on the 8th day of February at 11 o'clock A.M. As prescribed by Sec. 3547 of the Revised Statutes, you, as Comptroller of the Currency, are an ex-officio member of the Annual Assay Commission.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to your ability to attend the sessions of the Commission?

For your information, I enclose a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Annual Assay, the Rules for Organization, and the proceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. D. R. Crissinger,
Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D.C.

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January 30, 1922.

Chasier, Bank of Boynton,

Boynton, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 25th you are advised that "proof" coins are no longer manufactured at the mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1922.

General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C. Attention Mr. Jacques

Gentlemen:

The Mint at Philadelphia desires to purchase 45 dozen pairs of chamois gloves to be used in handling coins and metal bars. Before we authorize this purchase will you please advise this Bureau if such articles are in surplus.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1922.

Miss Alice G. Lee,
Lake City,
South Dakota.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd you are advised that no bulletin has been issued covering the Peace Dollar. In order to obtain a specimen of the dollar I would suggest that you address the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., enclosing with your request the face value of the coin plus postage. Within a few weeks it is expected that all the mints will be coining the Peace dollars and they will be plentiful.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1922.

Mr. Edwin H. Krause,
850 Flatbush Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd you are advised that no bulletins covering regular, special or commemorative coins are issued by the Government. Information relative to such issues is given to the public through the newspapers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1932.

The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 27th relative to regulations issued in December covering the purchase of silver under the Pittman Act, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the regulations referred to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 30, 1922.

John W. Hart

Rigby Idaho

Object of Commission to test weight and fineness coins reserved throughout year Assayer United States Assay Office New York and representative Bureau of Standards take charge of technical work

Ray T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE , WHEN:

Washington,

January 31, 1922.

American Metal Company Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer fifty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker

Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
This appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 30, 1922.

Miss Mary C. Alley,
220 W. 59th St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of January 23, 1922, you are advised that the United States Government never coined a 50-cent gold piece.

The Government does not publish a book dealing with old coins or the value of the same.

Repsectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise this Bureau if your office has record of application for refund in the case of Charles R. Shultz, formerly Helper in the United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal., resigned September 6, 1921, and if so the status of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 123,000 ounces of silver, submitted in letter of January 30, 1922, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Mr. R. M. McGill,

Pendleton, South Carolina.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed with your letter of January 30th and beg to advise you that the Government is not calling these coins in. They are legal tender for face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Mrs. John M. Judah,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your telegram of January 30th advising of your acceptance of appointment to membership on the Annual Assay Commission, you are advised that this letter will be sufficient for you to present at the United States Mint at Philadelphia on the morning of February 8, 1922. It will give me pleasure to personally present you to the other members of the Commission.

The duty of the Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved for the annual assay. The Commission has usually among its members technical men who do the actual assaying. The duties can be very shortly explained when you arrive at the mint and will not be difficult.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Mr. Samuel Esely,

Londonville, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the dime enclosed in your letter of recent date and have to advise you that the same is worth its face value, namely 10 cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Mr. Charles B. Davis,
745 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 30th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to your discovery of a process for producing synthetic gold, platinum, and silver. I beg to advise you that there is no opportunity for the Mint and Assay Service to enter into an investigation of the process.

Regretting that we cannot be of definite assistance to you, I am,

Respectfuly,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Hon. William A. Ashbrook, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Ashbrook was advised of his appointment and wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,

House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator Smoot:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Mr. J. U. Eldredge, Jr., to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Eldredge was advised of his appointment and wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Reed Smoot,

United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Mr. Robert F. Hyatt, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Hyatt has been advised of his appointment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,

House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator Smith:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Mr. A. R. Johnston, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Ellison D. Smith,

United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator New:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Mrs. John M. Judah, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mrs. Judah was advised of her appointment and has wired her acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Harry S. New,

United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Dr. Stratton:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Mr. Ambrose Swasey, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Swasey was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable S. W. Stratton,

Director, Bureau of Standards.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator Watson:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, Dr. William Gerry Morgan, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Dr. Morgan has been advised of his appointment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable James E. Watson,

United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator Frelinghuysen:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation together with that of Senator Edge's, Mr. Frank I. Liveright, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Liveright was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Joseph S. Frelinghuysen,
United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator Borah:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation together with that of Congressman A. T. Smith's, Mr. John W. Hart, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Hart was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable William E. Borah,
United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Senator Edge:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation together with that of Senator Frelinghuysen's, Mr. Frank J. Liveright, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Liveright was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Walter E. Edge,
United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Smith:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation together with that of Senator Borah's, Mr. John W. Hart, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Mr. Hart was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable A. T. Smith,

House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vare:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation together with those of Congressmen Graham's, Darrow's and Focht's, Dr. Walter T. Taggart, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Dr. Taggart was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable William S. Vare,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Graham:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation together with those of Congressmen Focht's, Darrow's and Vare's, Dr. Walter T. Taggart, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Dr. Taggart was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable George S. Graham,

House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Darrow:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, together with those of Congressmen Focht's, Graham's and Vare's, Dr. Walter T. Taggard, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922.

Dr. Taggart was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable George O. Darrow,

House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

January 31, 1922.

Dear Congressman Focht:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the President, on Saturday January 28, 1922, appointed, upon your recommendation, together with those of Congressmen Darrow's, Graham's and Vare's, Dr. Walter T. Taggart, to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets on February 8, 1922. Dr. Taggart was advised of his appointment and has wired his acceptance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Benjamin K. Focht,

House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 1, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Navy Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Copies of your letters (Your file #2544-HSC) to the Philadelphia Mint dated January 10 and 11, 1922, regarding settlement of bills of that institution against the U. S. Marine Corps, have been forwarded to this office. In letter dated January 10th it is stated that all the July bills had been settled, however, on comparison of settlements listed and records on file in this office it is noted that a bill amounting to $650, covering cost of 1000 Good Conduct Medals furnished the Marine Corps July 15, 1921 on Job Order #9556, was forwarded to the Marine Corps Headquarters July 26, 1921, and that settlement therefor has not been included in any of the notices of settlement received in this office. Bills were also forwarded to the Marine Corps on December 2 and 7, 1921 and by them in turn to your office, for which no notices of settlement have been received. Please furnish further information concerning these bills.

It is furhter requested that in future, notices of settlement or other communications concerning the Mint service be sent to or through this office and not direct to the field institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1922.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,
3600 No. Second Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 28th with reference to item #4409 on order of this Bureau of January 26, 1922, it is requested that this item be cancelled. The General Supply Catalogue awards this particular item to a local concern, and it is regretted that it was inadvertently included in our order to you of the above date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Z. D. Gilman

January 30, 1922.

Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4597	Potassium Ferricyanide, c.p.	500 gm.	500 gm.	1.57	1 57

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Mackall Brothers,
823 H Street, Washington, D.C.

February 2, 1922.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4409 l.Nitric Acid, c.p. 7-pound bottles, 10 bottles
to the case lb. .22

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 2, 1922.

Collector of the Port of New York,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Will you kindly forward to this office toward the close of each month so as to reach Washington not later than the first day of the following month, tentative report of -

Imports of U. S. gold coin
Imports of U. S. silver coin
Exports of U. S. gold coin
Exports of U. S. silver coin.

Some years ago similar reports were received from that office but were discontinued at the time the Federal Reserve Board undertook to collect such information more frequently than once a month.

The data requested are used by this office in estimating the amount of U. S. coin in the United States, which estimate is used in Treasury monthly circulation statement.

I trust it will be possible for your office to favor us as in years gone by.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 2, 1922.

Shoemaker & Busch,
511 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of January 27th relative to item #4597, you are advised that under sub-division (a) of the above number appears the article called for in our order of January 26th. It is noted, however, that Potassium Ferricyanid, c.p. is awarded another contractor, and ask, therefore, that you kindly cancel this item.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 2, 1922.

Mr. M. N. von Bernewitz,
4800 Forbes Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 31, 1922, I regret to advise you that the edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. A new supply has been requisitioned and if copies are received one will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 2, 1922.

Lt. Col. C. O. Zollers, Q.M.C.,
Assistant Quartermaster Supply Officer,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 19, 1922 in which it was stated that the letter of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, with indorsement of this Bureau, regarding canvas duck which he desires to purchase from the Supply Depot in Philadelphia, had been referred to the Quartermaster General of the Army for action, I beg to say that up to this time no word has been received from the War Department relative to this canvas, and that the Mint at Philadelphia is in urgent need of the same for the reason that it is to be used for bags in which to ship foreign coins now ready to pack. Will you please advise the Bureau if we can expect early action on the request for this canvas.

It is my desire to have the institutions of the Mint Service cooperate in every way with the desire of the Department to have surplus stocks reduced, but it is embarrassing to the mint to experience unusual delay in obtaining such supplies. I would appreciate any assistance you can give the Bureau in this matter.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find copy of receipt made subject to verification and given by Mr. Freas Styer on assuming duties as Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, July 16, 1921, made absolute and final on January 16, 1922. Please file with the final account current of A. M. Joyce, former Superintendent, which covers period from July 1st to 15th, 1921.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TEN:

Washington,

February 2, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Offer fifty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Miller & Company,
Equitable Building,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 2nd I regret to advise you that the edition of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. A request has been made for another edition, and if this request is granted I will take pleasure in forwarding a copy of the report to you immediately.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 2, 1922.

Mr. E. L. Wilson,
Board of State Fair Directors,
Salem, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo relative to a dollar dated 1799, I regret that we are unable to advise you in regard to the value of this coin. The Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins, and does not issue a list of coin dealers. I would suggest that the American Numismatic Society, New York City, may be able to give you some information as to the numismatic value of the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Mr. D. J. Best,

Whitefish, Mont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 28th you are advised that in 1804 19,570 silver dollars were coined. No silver dollars were coined in 1834.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 2, 1922.

Mr. Fred Greenday,
Illini Hotel,
Alton, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 27th you are advised that the mints are now confining their operations to the coinage of silver dollars. However, a small number of one cent pieces have been manufactured at the Mint at Denver since January 1st. To obtain a specimen of these coins I would suggest that you address the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado. It is not expected that the Mints of the United States will coin other denominations for the remainder of the fiscal year, for the reason that the Treasury has now in stock a large amount of coins of all denominations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1922.

Collector of the Port of New York,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Will you kindly return to this office the enclosures which accompanied our letter of February 2, 1922, same having been forwarded in error.

Return envelope, for your convenience, enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Mr. W. T. Behr,

Oberein, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of February 1, 1922, relative to the exchange of old paper money for new has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States, that officer having charge of the redemption and distribution of paper money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Ave.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 30th I am enclosing herewith a statement covering the coinage of the mints by mints for the calendar year 1921.

We have not this statement compiled by months.

Trusting that this will be of interest to you, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Mr. Walter G. Berger,
235 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the check enclosed with your letter of February 2nd. This Bureau does not issue the "Value of Foreign Coins" as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank and published by us weekly. The circular "Value of Foreign Coins" is estimated quarterly in purusance of the provisions of Section 45 of the Act of Aubust 27, 1894 and issued by this Bureau. I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Circular to be sent to you and have pladed your name on the list for future issues.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Cashier, Iowa Loan & Trust Company,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 1, 1922, you are advised that the Mints are not likely to coin subsidiary and minor coins during the calendar year 1922, a large quantity of all denominations of coin being now on hand in the mints and at the Federal Reserve banks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Mr. J. Fitzgibbon,
c/o Sanitorium,
Warrensville, Ohio.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of January 31st I regret to advise you that the edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 3, 1922.

Mr. Wilbur Eastlake,
858 Cauldwell Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of February 2, 1922, inquiring as to the establishment of a "Federal bank with branches, with a capital of 25,000,000 francs, the stock to be owned and the bank managed by the Federal Government". I regret that I am unable to advise you in regard to this proposition. May I suggest that a letter addressed to one of the large banks of New York or to the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City might be the source of considerable information to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1922.

The Chief Clerk,

Navy Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a series of Interrogatories which are sent each year to the principal countries of the world for the purpose of obtaining information concerning monetary matters, including production of gold and silver, coinage, etc.

It is desired to obtain the same information concerning the Virgin Islands, and your cooperation to that end is requested. Copies of comparative tables compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years are also inclosed as being of possible interest to those who prepare the answer. It is requested that one copy of the Interrogatory with answers be returned to this office, the other to be retained by you for reference if desired.

I trust that it will be possible for the information to reach this office before October 1st of the current year in order that it may be published in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921-1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Night message. Washington, February 5, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer seventy eight thousand ounces fine silver accepted for delivery San Francisco under terms Pittman Act.

Baker

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

BINESS.
ENT RATES.
E TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 6, 1922.

Geo. G. Blackwell Sons & Co. Ltd.,
The Albany,
Liverpool, England.

Gentlemen:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 17th, relative to "Lion Brand" Manganese-Copper. The letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and I thank you for calling this alloy to our attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 6, 1922.

Iowa Loan & Trust Company,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 2nd requesting to be supplied with one-cent pieces of 1922 issue, I take pleasure in advising you that one-cent pieces have been coined at the Mint in Denver during the current calendar year. If you will advise me of the number you desire and will forward a draft, to cover the amount, payable to the Treasurer, United States, I will take the matter up directly with that office and have the coins shipped to you? This is done with the understanding that the paying out of these coins is for a special event. I am giving this explanation for the reason that the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has been prohibited from paying out the 1922 coins without special authority.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 6, 1922.

Mr. Carpel L. Breger,
The Evelyn Lodge,
Staten Island,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 4th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copies of the regulations governing the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act. I am also enclosing a copy of the Act itself.

Purchases under the terms of the Pittman Act did not begin until May, 1920. The Treasury Department was not in the market for silver in November, 1919.

Respectfully,

Incls.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 5, 1922.

Mr. H. S. Stoolfire,
Sherwood Building,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 26, enclosing copies of schedules of production and coinage of the precious metals sent you with letter from this Department under date of December 16, 1921, and asking that the silver production and silver coinage be shown in fine ounces, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921. On page 107 of this Report you will find the coinage by weight and value since 1873. On page 282 you will find the production of gold and silver in the world since 1860, by ounces and value. On page 137 you will find a table giving the price of silver since 1833.

It is presumed that from these tables you will be able to have compiled the data you are seeking in regard to the fine ounces of silver used in coinage and making up the production for the years under your review.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Schedules.

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February 5, 1922.

Mr. L. E. Burrell,
C/. First National Bank,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant you are advised that the Congress have not authorized the issue of a Roosevelt memorial dollar.

The bill authorizing the issue of Grant Memorial dollars and half dollars has recently passed both Houses. When the coins are ready they will be distributed by the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. They will not be handled by the Treasury. They will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 5, 1922.

Mr. H. G. Conger,
740 Rush Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the photograph enclosed in your letter of the 2nd instant and have to advise you that there would be no objection to the use of a disc held in the hand which did not bear on its face the designs or devices of a coin. A reproduction of the designs of a coin in a lantern slide or in any other form, would not be authorized. Holding a coin up to view would not be objectionable, but the reproduction in the form of a photograph of the coin, for any purpose whatever, would be against the law. A photograph such as the copy you enclosed, which does not show the details of the coin, would not come within the restrictions of the law.

The photographing of the operations of the Mint has been prohibited by regulation and I regret that we cannot waive the order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 5, 1922.

Mr. Luther Chance,
Liberty Hill, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 30, 1922 you are advised that there were no five cent pieces minted in 1913 bearing the Liberty Head design.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 6, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Company, Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of the 4th instant covering 84,000 ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 6, 1922.

Miss Gracie Tucker,
Goodwell, Okla.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 29th, you are advised that the last estimate made by this Bureau covering the production of gold in the world is that for the calendar year 1920. It was estimated that the world production was 16,205,029 ounces, valued at $334,987,610.

Respectfully,

M. McRaith

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 8, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Curry, Secretary,
Arizona Chapter,
The American Mining Congress,
Bisbee, Arizona.

Sir:

Responding to request of February 1st, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the regulations governing the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Incl. Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 7, 1922.

Doctor Oliver G. Wilson,
Franklin, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 31st, the following replies are submitted:

1. You are correct in your understanding that the alloy for both gold and silver coins is copper.

2. The gold coins and the silver coins of the United States contain 900 parts precious metal and 100 parts copper.

3. The gold coin of England is 916-2/3 thousandths fine, or 22 karat fine, while our coin is 900 thousandths fine, this being equivalent to 21-3/5 karat fine.

4. You ask "What degree of fineness is U. S. Bullion gold". Gold bullion is purchased by the Government in various degrees of fineness. There is no fixed standard for "U. S. Bullion gold."

Respectfully,

Mr. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 7, 1922.

Mr. Jacob Epstein, President,
American Wholesale Corporation,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 3rd, you are advised that an Act has been passed authorizing the coinage of $10,000.00 in gold dollars and 250,000 pieces in silver half-dollars for the Grant Memorial Centennial occasion. The Treasury Department will not distribute these coins. Application for them should be made to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 7, 1922.

Mr. W. C. Hoeltke,
Jeweler, 541 Massachusetts Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

The package forwarded by you by Express, containing gold and silver scrap has been received and forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government.

Respectfully,

N. McKeiley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 7, 1922.

Mr. Charles R. Shultz,
511 Irving Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14 relative to refund of deduction made from your pay while helper in the Mint at San Francisco, I beg to say that inquiry was instituted by this Bureau and we are today in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission which reads as follows:-

Feb. 4. 1922.

"The Commission is in receipt of your letter of January 31, 1922, in which you ask to be advised if any record of Application for Refund in the case of Charles R. Shultz, former hepler in the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal., has been received in this office.

In reply you are advised that Application 56172 for Mr. Shultz was received and forwarded to the Pension Office September 21, 1921. On January 17, 1922, the form was returned to this office for verification of the amount deducted, and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco. A reply has just been received and the corrected application will be sent immediately to the Pension Bureau."

Regretting the delay in the adjustment of your claim, and trusting that the amount due you will soom reach you, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1922.

Mr. E. Tyler,
Banking Department,
Thomas Cook & Son,
245 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 6th instant for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, you are advised that the first edition of the Report is exhausted. A second edition is now in preparation and your name has been placed upon the mailing list for a copy as soon as a supply is received from the Public Printer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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February 7, 1922.

Scharr & Company,
556-558 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 19th, there is enclosed herewith Government Voucher form made covering articles in question. Please sign and return to this office where it will be placed in line for an early settlement.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1922.

Lowdermilk & Co.,

1418 F Street, Washington, D. C. February 7, 1922.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington

Rand McNally 1921 International Atlas,

11 x 14, cloth binding, one copy 8 75

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A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1922.

Mr. Montfort Jones,
Assistant Professor of Finance,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 6, requesting a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year 1921, I beg to advise you that the first edition of this Report is exhausted. As soon as a new edition is received a copy will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Rawlins,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

The Rodefer Glass Company,
Bellcaire, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 30, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to initials of the designer appearing upon the new dollar, you are advised that the initials of the designers of all the gold, silver and nickel coins appear upon the coins, and there is no legal objection to the same. The silver dollar of the former design also had the initial of the designer.

Respectfully,

W. M. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Mr. Clarence Newman,
3340 Wth Division Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant you are advised that the piece described by you is not a coin. The issue of the so-called fifty cent gold pieces was illegal and their manufacture has been suppressed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Mr. Herbert B. Mills,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 6th, relative to the details on the silver coins issued during the last few years and the meaning of the same, I regret to advise you that the Government has no publication covering the subject in detail.

I take pleasure, however, in forwarding herewith a copy of the coinage laws on page 110 of which you will find information relative to the required emblems and devices upon our coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Incl.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Mr. C. Eckley,
443 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date you are advised that 270,232,722 standard silver dollars were melted under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Lexington Laboratory Supply Co., Inc.,
339 Courtland Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith is voucher forwarded to this Bureau covering supplies furnished for our laboratory with request that the account be rendered on the enclosed form of voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Incl.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Mr. John M. Ring,
155 Hawkins St.,
Derby, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your card inquiry, dated February 6th, you are advised that the Mints receive old gold in quantities valued at $100.00 and over. The Mints are not required to receive deposits of less value.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Mr. O. K. Courtney,
401 Carroll Ave.,
Takoma Park, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 4th, you are advised that the Mints receive old gold in quantities valued at $100.00 and over. The Mints are not required to receive deposits of less value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Rev. John W. Townsend,
Cannon, Del.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 4th, you are advised that $265,598.00 in twenty-cent pieces were coined in the year 1875.

I am not able to state the numismatic value of the piece. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Scientific Materials Co.,
709-719 Forbes Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed bill rendered December 31, 1921 to this office is returned with the request that this office be advised as to what articles or service this charge covers. It appears from the records here that all of your company's bills against this office have been settled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Co.,
18-34 Nesbitt Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Your statement of account rendered January 1, 1922 is herewith returned, attention being called to letter of this office dated November 4, 1921, quoted below, to which no answer has as yet been received;

" A furnace and rheostat was shipped from this office to the Multiple Unit Electric Co., 136 Liberty St., New York, for repairs, May 25, 1921. Shipment made through the American Railway Express Co. on Government Bill of Lading No.47429, which shipment was eventually received by your office. In quoting charges for repairing furnace and rheostat, your letter of June 29, file No.2218, a charge for "Incoming expressage..$3.23" is included in total of the bid. Information is requested as to whether this charge covers the above mentioned shipment and if received on Government Bill of Lading what disposition was made of same. If charge does not cover the shipment mentioned above, please advise for what service this charge is made."

It is noted that a charge of $21.56 was made on October 21, 1921 with reference to our letter of October 19th and that credit for $21.00 is given on October 27th. It is presumed that this charge and credit are in connection with the exchanging of 1 110 volt rheostat for a 220 volt rheostat, per letter of October 19th referred to above. An explanation is requested as to the reason for the 56¢ difference between the debit and credit items.

Respectfully,

M. W. McRaille,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1922.

Honorable John N. Garner,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman Garner:

I have received your letter of January 23, enclosing a letter from Mr. Ned C. Bell, Apartado #94, Tampico, Tamps, Mexico, requesting information in regard to the coinage of all denominations of coins, by years.

Replying I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, on pages 132 - 135 of which will be found the coinage of the mints since their organization, up to and including 1918, and I am enclosing a table giving the coinage to the close of the calendar year 1921, thus bringing the Report up to date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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Enclosures:
Report.
Table.
Letter of Mr. Bell's.

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February 8, 1922.

Mr. John Parke Young,
Graduate College,
Princeton, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 1st relative to silver, the following is submitted:-

The amount of silver purchased to date under the terms of the Pittman Act, (April 23, 1918) is approximately 96,000,000 fine ounces.

67,860,000 ounces have been coined into silver dollars, making $87,736,473.

Silver certificates have been issued covering practically the entire amount of dollars coined.

1,500,000 fine ounces of silver have been used in the coinage of subsidiary silver coin.

The cost of coining silver dollars has not been segregated from that of the cost of other denominations of coins manufactured at the same time.

If this office can be of further service please call upon us.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 1,500,000 ounces of fine silver under the terms of the Pittman Act is accepted for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1922.

Mr. C. P. Rockwood,
Attorney at Law,
Cuyahoga Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant you are advised that the first edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is exhausted. A second edition is now being printed and your name has been placed upon the mailing list for a copy as soon as available.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1922.

Hon. O. W. Underwood,
United States Senate.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 7th instant I have taken pleasure in placing the name of Miss Tera Milligan, Cullman, Alabama, on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, a second edition of which is now being prepared.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1922.

Mr. T. C. Odencrantz,
The Library,
McGraw-Hill Pub. Co.,
10th Avenue and 36th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 7th instant I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the list for a copy of the Report of this Bureau for the fiscal year 1921. The first edition is exhausted and a second one is now being prepared.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1922.

Mr. C. L. Breger,
The Evelyn Lodge,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7, relative to purchases of silver by the Government in the fiscal year 1920, you are advised that the 2,018,461.92 ounces referred to were purchased largely in combination with gold deposits, and from various sources in small amounts. The price paid was that current on the day the deposits were made. As you know the price of silver changes each day, except in the case of Government purchases of domestic silver which is purchased when offered at the rate of $1 per fine ounce.

As of possible interest to you I would refer you to the table on page 103 of the Report for 1920.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9. 1922.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works.
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen;

Returned herewith is voucher forwarded to this Bureau covering supplies furnished for our laboratory with request that the account be rendered on the enclosed form of voucher.

Respectfully.

B. M. O'Reilly

Incl. Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 10, 1922.

Mr. J. W. Morton,
Iowa Loan & Trust Company,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Denver Mint instructed today to forward you by express coins desired.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
2—5733 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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February 10, 1922.

Mr. John Cecil,
Fargo, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the silver watch-case forwarded by you February 5th, and regret to advise you that it cannot be received at the Mint. The cost of preparing the small amount of silver in this case would more than offset its value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1922.

Honorable James G. Strong,
House of Representatives, U. S.,

My dear Congressman Strong:

I have your letter of February 6th, enclosing a letter from Mr. Walter Light of Ogden, Kansas, who desires one of the Grant Memorial gold dollars.

The Grant gold dollars will not be distributed through the Treasury Department. Application should be made to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is understood that the coins will be sold at a premium.

As you requested, I am returning Mr. Light's letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1922.

Honorable William M. Calder,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Calder:

I have your letter of February 2, enclosing a letter from Mr. Henry S. Corney, Secretary and Treasurer, Matteawan Savings Bank, Beacon, N. Y., relative to the $2.50 gold pieces.

As you know, the situation as to $2.50 gold pieces is exceptional in that gold has not been coined in this denomination for many years, and the limited supply in Treasury offices is available only as reserve and would be soon exhausted if used for general payments. It is the Treasury's policy not to resume the coinage of $2.50 gold coins in view of the fact that the demand for them is based on sentiment rather than on utility, and on account of the relatively large amount of abrasion involved in their circulation and the tendency of gold coins in this denomination to disappear through circulation. In these circumstances it is not deemed desirable to resume the coinage of gold in the denomination of $2.50, and it is the fixed policy of the Treasury not to make further payments of gold coin of this denomination.

Sincerely yours,

JR.

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

The Commonwealth Statistician,
Exhibition Buildings,
Fitzroy, Australia.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to return herewith the Production Bulletin which accompanied your communication of January 7, 1922, carrying on the margin thereof notation pertaining to the production of gold in the Philippines. I trust that the information conveyed will meet your requirements.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

The Duriron Company, Inc.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith is your statement, dated January 31, 1922, amounting to $678.91, with request that you kindly forward same to the institution which made the purchase.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Incl.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. George W. Pepper,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Pepper:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 30, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention. The letter of Mr. James F. Crowley, which you enclosed, is returned herewith.

I am glad to be able to advise you that the Superintendents of the coinage mints have already been authorized to admit to the Mints groups of school children and other educational bodies who ask to be shown the operations of the mints. This apparently accomplishes what your correspondent desires.

The regulation closing the mints to visitors was issued at a time when the mints were working overtime in order to execute necessary coinage, and it was designed not only to safeguard the mints but also to prevent disturbance to business by the admission of daily groups of sight-seers and indiscriminate bodies of visitors. The Secretary of the Treasury has recently given consideration to this regulation and has concluded that for the present it would not be advisable to open

the mints to all who ask to be admitted. The Superintendents are, therefore, required to confine admission to the mints to bodies of school children and other educational groups.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. George P. Darrow,
House of Representatives U. S.

Dear Congressman Darrow:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 9, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. George N. Edmonds,
House of Representatives U. S.

Dear Congressman Edmonds:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 6, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. Joseph McLaughlin,
House of Representatives U. S.

Dear Congressman McLaughlin:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 7, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. Harry C. Ransley,
House of Representatives U. S.

Dear Congressman Ransley:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 8, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention. The letter of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, which you enclosed, is returned herewith.

I am glad to be able to advise you that the Superintendents of the coinage mints have already been authorized to admit to the mints groups of school children and other educational bodies who ask to be shown the operations of the mints. This apparently accomplished what your correspondent desires.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. William S. Vare,
House of Representatives U. S.

Dear Congressman Vare:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 7, enclosing letter of Mr. William H. Fisher, Jr., of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, which is returned herewith.

I am glad to be able to advise you that the Superintendents of the coinage mints have already been authorized to admit to the Mints groups of school children and other educational bodies who ask to be shown the operations of the mints. This apparently accomplishes what your correspondent desires.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Scallan,
Waucoma, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 8th, you are advised that a second edition of the annual report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, is now being prepared and a copy will be forwarded to you as soon as redeived.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Mr. L. F. Kliebenstein,
Cashier, Farmers National Bank,
Kingsley, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7th, you are advised that the Grant gold dollars and half-dollars will not be distributed through the Treasury Department. Application should be made to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is understood that the coins will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Mr. Peter J. Brown, Manager,
Royal Blue Line Motor Tours,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7, I am glad to be able to advise you that the Superintendents of the coinage mints have already been authorized to admit to the Mints groups of school children and other educational bodies who ask to be shown the operations of the mints.

The regulation closing the mints to visitors was issued at a time when the mints were working overtime in order to execute necessary coinage, and it was designed not only to safeguard the mints but also to prevent disturbance to business by the admission of daily groups of sight-seers and indiscriminate bodies of visitors. The Secretary of the Treasury has recently given consideration to this regulation and has concluded that for the present it would not be advisable to open the mints to all who ask to be admitted. The Superintendents are, therefore, required to confine admission to the mints to bodies of school children and other educational groups.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1922.

Mr. August Eimer,
President, Eimer & Amend,
Third Avenue, 18th to 19th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 9th, relative to a set of plans and details for erecting an electrolytic plant, I would suggest that you call upon the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, Wall Street and arrange through him an interview with Mr. E. J. Wagor, Superintendent of Melting and Refining Department, who will be able to give you considerable information regarding equipment for refining bullion by the electrolytic process.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Mr. S. R. Dawson,
393 St. Johns Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of February 9th, relative to a process for treating bronze.

It would be unlawful to strike Peace dollars in any other metal than silver and the penal code prohibits you from striking the Peace dollar in any metal. I regret that we cannot give you more encouragement in regard to the process you have discovered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1922.

Mr. H. H. Holmes,
1017 Carter Building,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7th, you are advised that the Grant gold dollars will not be distributed through the Treasury Department. Application should be made to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is understood that the coins will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1922.

Mr. George A. Knapp, Manager,
Loan Library and Book Room,
Maryville College,
Maryville, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7th, you are advised that the United States half-dollar contains 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper. The gross weight of the coin is 192-9/10 grains.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

The American Metal Market Co.,
81/ Fulton Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 10th, you are advised that a second edition of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint is now being prepared and a copy of same will be forwarded as soon as received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Company, Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver is accepted, for delivery to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1922.

Hon. George Scott Graham,
House of Representatives U. S.

Dear Congressman Graham:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 10, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention. The letter of Mr. William H. Fisher, Jr., of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, which you enclosed, is returned herewith.

I am glad to be able to advise you that the Superintendents of the coinage mints have already been authorized to admit to the Mints groups of school children and other educational bodies who ask to be shown the operations of the mints. This apparently accomplished what your correspondent desires.

The regulation closing the mints to visitors was issued at a time when the mints were working overtime in order to execute necessary coinage, and it was designed not only to safeguard the mints but also to prevent disturbance to business by the admission of daily groups of sight-seers and indiscriminate bodies of visitors. The Secretary of the Treasury has recently given consideration to this regulation and has concluded that for the present it would not be advisable to open the mints to all who ask to be admitted. The Superintendents are, therefore, required to confine admission to the mints to bodies of school children and other educational groups.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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Washington,

February 13, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco, California.

Offer eighty eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

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ERNMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

February 13, 1922.

Hon. William M. Calder,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Calder:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the name of Bert G. Shields for appointment to the position of Assayer, United States Assay Office, New York. This position was made vacant by the death of Hon. George R. Comings on January 17, 1922.

Mr. Shields is now Assistant Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and is temporarily acting as Assayer. He has been in the mint service in technical positions since 1906. His record of efficiency has been uniformly excellent. He is well qualified by experience and education to assume the duties of Assayer. He has the endorsement of his Superintendent, Hon. Isaac Smith, New York Assay Office, and I heartily approve Superintendent Smith's recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Shields as Assayer.

Although the position of "Assayer" in the New York Assay Office is a presidential one, the late Mr. Comings who entered the service in 1874, served as Assayer uninterruptedly from 1910. I would appreciate it very much if you and Senator Wadsworth would, at the earliest opportunity,

forward a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury recommending Mr. Shields for this appointment.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

February 15, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of January were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic bullion	- 253,649.85	fine ounces
Unrefined foreign bullion	- 117,146.39	" "
Foreign silver coin	- 57,295.03	" "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dear Congressman Rogers:

In accordance with your request over the telephone I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter of introduction for Mr. and Mrs. Drapeau to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, granting special permission to have them admitted to the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Jacob Rogers,

House of Representatives.

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February 13, 1922.

Dear Congressman Connolly;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 11. The letter of Mr. Wm. H. Fisher, Jr., which you enclosed, is returned herewith.

I am glad to be able to advise you that the Superintendents of the coinage mints have already been authorized to admit to the Mints groups of school children and other educational bodies who ask to be shown the operations of the mints. This apparently accomplishes what your correspondent desires.

The regulation closing the mints to visitors was issued at a time when the mints were working overtime in order to execute necessary coinage, and it was designed not only to safeguard the mints but also to prevent disturbance to business, by the admission of daily groups of sight-seers and indiscriminate bodies of visitors. The Secretary of the Treasury has recently given consideration to this regulation and has concluded that for the present it would not be advisable to open the mints to all who ask to be admitted. The Superintendents are, therefore, required to confine admission to the mints to bodies of school children and other educational groups.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1922.

Hon. Key Pittman,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

Concerning the subject matter of your letter of February 8th, wish to state that the form of miners affidavit was revised December 2, 1921 with the purpose in view of providing for a declaration of the actual silver content (100 per cent) of materials sold by the miners to the smelters, in order that the accounting basis upon which the smelters and refiners must report to this office might be an actual one instead of approximate as was the case when the affidavits were being furnished as covering 95 per cent of the silver content.

The vendors of mixed silver to the Government are required to furnish to the Director of the Mint, not less frequently than quarterly, sworn abstracts from their books showing the receipts supported by information as to where each item originated and carrying reference to the settlement sheets, and each item classified as either foreign or domestic. Such abstracts must also show the amount of silver that has been refined, and the amount sold with the names of purchasers, the amounts of opening and closing stocks. Under the new arrangement they must also show the amount lost in treatment. These abstracts form a continuous record for the entire period during which purchases under the Pittman Act have been made. Vendors cannot sell to the Government the full amount for which miner's affidavits are obtainable, but such amount less operating losses and certain other items as provided by the regulations, copy of which please find enclosed, to paragraph 5 (approved December 2, 1921) of which attention is particularly invited. Should occasion seem to warrant it the Department would be in position to satisfy itself from personal inspection of books and records as to the accuracy of the abstracts furnished by vendors.

It will thus be seen that we have a complete check upon the operations of the smelters and refiners as to both source and disposition of their silver and that it will not be possible for them to substitute foreign silver for the amount of domestic silver which may be lost in treatment.

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It is naturally to be presumed that if the miners are paid for 100 per cent instead of 95 per cent of the silver content of their materials there will be some increase in the charges; and if such increase is the equivalent of the 5 per cent of silver for which, under the former method, they were not paid, it is not clear that either the miners or the smelters benefit by the change, except for such portion of the 5 per cent as is not lost in treatment. This silver is domestic product, entitled under the terms of the Act to the benefits of the $1.00 price, and since the Government is not in position to regulate the treatment charges imposed by reduction works the question as to whether the miner or reducer receives this benefit does not appear to be one which comes within the purview of the Government.

The smelting and refining interests claim that insofar as their custom business is concerned they are merely agents through whom the Government passes on to the miners the benefits of the $1.00 price for silver - that they are thereby put to considerable trouble and expense by reason of the extra accounting and record work.

In my opinion the mining interests are as fully protected in the operations of the Pittman Act as it is practical for them to be.

Sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Incl.

February 14, 1922.

Mr. S. S. Daub, Jr.,
General Oil Gas Corporation,
511 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of February 11th regarding the General Oil Gas operations. I shall be very glad to take this matter up with the officers of the Philadelphia Mint upon my next visit to that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Leland Steinman,
Suite 329, 235 Montgomery St.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 27th did not reach me until a few days ago, hence the tardiness of this reply.

The new 1921 silver dollars were released by order of the Treasurer of the United States, and I am informed that only a few days ago a large shipment was made to San Francisco through the Federal Reserve Bank, and I presume your request has already been granted.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1922.

My dear Grant:

Thank you very much for your kind letter regarding James E. Hall. I appreciate your generous interest in him and feel sure he will merit any confidence reposed in him.

We have had a hard time getting the dies mechanically correct in Philadelphia, but am pleased to state that some were shipped to you yesterday and I hope that they will hold out.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hon. R. J. Grant,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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February 14, 1922.

Mr. James Driscoll,
Box 171,
Indian Head, Maryland.

My dear Driscoll:

I have just returned to Washington and find your letter enclosing duplicate of letter forwarded to Mr. James Wilmeth, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. I will keep on the job and stay with it until we land something. In the meanwhile do not worry but keep in touch with me,

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1922.

Mr. Alvah Dickinson,
Monroe, N.H.

Sir:

Your letter of February 8 addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Government would not buy gold unless it were in the form of bullion extracted from ores. I am unable to advise you of a smelter who would handle the produce of the ore you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1922.

Mr. R. E. Allen,
131 N St., N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of February 10th I am enclosing copies of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins" from 1914 on, as far as practicable.

For information relative to imports from the Argentine I would suggest that you address the Department of Commerce.

For information as to the tariff I would suggest that you address the United States Tariff Commission.

This Department issues no publications covering exchange, foreign values, etc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1922.

Dear Congressman Maloney:

I have your letter of February 11 enclosing a letter received by you from Mr. Edward W. Lundahl, Lynnfield Center, Mass., proposing the issue of a special coin to be known as the American Doughboy.

As you are aware an Act of Congress will be required to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. The general policy of the Department is to discourage, as far as possible, the issue of special coinage. Mr. Lundahl's letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Robert S. Maloney,

House of Representatives.

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February 14, 1922.

Miss Cornelia D. Campbell,
828 N. 63rd Street,
Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Campbell:

Your letter, without date, addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Your suggestion for the issue of a two cent piece has been noted, and you are advised that an act of Congress would be required to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHER W TTEN:

Washington,

Night

February 15, 1922

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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February 14, 1922.

Mr, Fred Greenclay,
Illini Hotel,
Alton, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 10th requesting special coins you are advised that the Roosevelt Medal described in your letter is a private medal, and copies of it cannot be sold by the Mint. The designer, Mr. James E. Fraser, 3 MacDougal Alley, New York City, would be able to inform you how to obtain a copy of this medal. The special coins in the numismatic collection of course are not for sale. They are acquired by the Government for exhibition purposes and held in the numismatic collection of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1922.

Mr. F. W. Hills,
Comptroller, American Smelting and Refining Co.,
120 Broadway.
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

May I refer to 2nd paragraph of letter of this office dated February 11, 1921 of which the following is a copy: "Our records of silver purchases appear to check closely with your reports of sales except for June and July receipts at the San Francisco Mint. Our records show receipts in June at San Francisco 983,877 ounces; your report of sales shows 956,029, a difference of 27,848 ounces. Our July receipts at the San Francisco Mint total 1,106,686 ounces, while your sales report indicates 906,364 ounces, a difference of 200,322 ounces."

Apparently no reply has been received to the above mentioned portion of the letter in question and as I have been unable to locate mention of same in your reports for subsequent months I will be pleased to have you look into the matter and advise me concerning same at an early date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 15, 1922.

Mr. F. W. Hills,
Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

It is desired to put into effect at as early a date as practicable contemplated improvements in the accounting systems of the various field offices of the Mint Service, but before doing so I would like to have the benefit of Mr. Lacey's recommendations on the New York Assay Office. Am therefore writing to inquire whether he has had opportunity since reporting on the Philadelphia Mint to acquaint himself with the methods in use in the New York Assay Office and to reach conclusions concerning amendments, supplemental to an adaptation of those recommended for the Philadelphia Mint, needed to care for the refining work of the New York office.

Mr. Lacey's recommendations with regard to the Philadelphia Mint are very helpful and I wish you would convey to him my thanks for his report on that institution; also please accept my thanks for your own cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

February 15, 1922.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of February 11 in behalf of Miss Lena Noonan who is seeking reinstatement in the Mint Service in order that she may become a beneficiary under the Retirement Act.

Upon investigation I find that Miss Noonan was appointed in the Mint Service on July 21, 1900 as Adjuster, serving in this capacity until August 1, 1910 when she was designated a Selector and served in this capacity until August 31, 1912. The record further discloses that on this date she was dropped and reinstated as a Selector on October 17, 1912, and on November 13, 1913 was designated as Telephone Operator and served in this capacity until July 31, 1916 upon which date she was separated from the service. She has, therefore, been out of the service for more than five years and is ineligible for reinstatement. It is doubtful whether the Retirement Act permits the reinstatement of employees for the sole purpose of conferring upon them the benefits of the Act, and I regret therefore that it is impossible for the Department to do anything in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Samuel M. Shortridge,

United States Senate.

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TRANSLATION

January 5, 1922.

To U. S. G.

I am writing you . . . . . to explain the fact that I have not received those checks. You are right, you did send the checks; but they had been cashed with the wrong signatures. I went to these bankers with two caraginieri (armed policemen). They told me they won't pay me anything, that they have paid already . . . and they did not believe the signatures were false . . . . I told them "you are not drunk (foolish) to case these checks with closed eyes". And I also told them how whenever I went to cash checks at other banks they asked me if I had the documents (credentials) from America or other things in order to assure themselves that I was Giuseppe Ciotti, and you cashed them without investigating. They replied that they have not thought of this. Such is the swindling going on in this nation.

I have not received anything since July. I received the last check on August 27. It was for July, and since then I have not received anything for five months. August, September, October, November and December. Maybe these, too, have been cashed under forged signatures. Please, therefore, advise me whether you have forwarded them. In that case I'll have the letter carrier arrested who delivers them to others. If I can recover my health a little I'll go back to America, for in this nation there is nothing regulated; they only try to rob. And so I greet you with a hand shake. I am your friend Ciotti Giuseppe.

This is my address:

To Mr. Ciotti Giuseppe,
Via Pitti, No. 58,
Sezze Romano,
Italy.

Bureau of the Mint,
February 16, 1922.

O.L.S.
Mint Bureau.

Respectfully referred to the Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Treasury Department

February 16, 1922.

in office of Director of the Mint

Photostat one copy each enclosed tables.

(Please do not reduce figures)

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Treasury Department

February 16, 1922.

in office of Director of the Mint.

Repair Millionaire Machine, Room 168

(E. H. Pitcher, 816 14th St., N.W.
Washington agents)

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1922.

Dear Congressman Williamson:

Replying to your letter of February 11, relative to the Grant memorial one dollar gold pieces and silver half dollars, you are advised that the bill authorizing the striking of the Grant Memorial coins was approved on February 2, 1922. The Treasury Department will not take charge of the distribution of these coins to the public. They will be distributed by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and requests for the coins should be addressed to that body.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. Williamson,
House of Representatives.

February 14, 1922.

Mr. W. A. Severance,
1002 Home Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 12, 1922, relative to Grant Memorial coins you are advised that these special coins will not be handled by the Treasury Department. Requests for the coins should be addressed to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Mr. Igmar Oleson,

Ambrose, N. Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date you are advised to make application to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district to obtain a specimen of the new Peace Dollar.

The Grant memorial gold dollar and silver half dollar when coined will be distributed by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Mr. Sheppard Lehnhoff,
1049 Oakley Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 9, 1922, you are advised that application for the State memorial coins of which you inquire should be addressed as follows:

Maine - State Treasurer, State of Maine,
Augusta, Maine.

Illinois - State Treasurer, State of Illinois,
Springfield, Ill.

Alabama - First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

I am unable to advise you where you may obtain specimens of the Columbian, Panama-Pacific and Lafayette coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Mr. Andrew Nyquist,

The Dalles, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 30th you are advised that the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, will assay samples of ore for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00. Approximately five pounds of material should be sumbitted in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Nichols Copper Compa.
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of February 10th addressed to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver has been referred to this office. In reply you are advised that 9 affidavits in question, those of the Old Dominion Company, for a tot of 11,281.65 fine ounces silver, have been sent to the General Accounting Offices of the Government in regular course with other vouchers filed during the month of September. The General Accounting office do not permit withdrawal of papers filed with them and it will therefore not be possible to return these affidavits to you. It is suggested that you send to this office the corrected affidavits mentioned in your letter of February 10th, also needed supporting miner's affidavits and these will be forwarded to the General Accounting office for file in substitution of those previously forwarded.

Under date of the 15th instant the Superintendent of the Denver Mint was requested to bring to your attention a shortage of miner's affidavits to the amount of approximately 139,000 ounces as compared with the quantity of silver delivered to the Denver Mint. He was advised that it would be satisfactory if the miner's affidavits in question were filed either through the Denver Mint or directly to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Balbach Smelting and Refining Company,
280 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of February 15 of 22,740 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Mr. H. Siegel,
320 N. 6th Street,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 13th together with gold "kings" which you desire to sell. I have today forwarded this deposit to the United States Mint at Philadelphia as there is no place in Washington where the such deposits are accepted and paid for by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

Mr. O. J. Netterstrom,
Controller of Cash & Custodies,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 14, you are advised that the mint at Philadelphia is now coining standard silver dollars, and it is expected that the mint at San Francisco and the mint at Denver will start on the coinage of standard silver dollars early in the coming week.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1922.

My dear Senator Poindexter:

Referring to our conversation over the telephone in regard to your letter in behalf of the Old National Bank, Spokane, in which it is requested that the bank be supplied with definite amounts of new subsidiary and minor coins at stated intervals, I regret that for the present it will be impossible to accede to the request of the Bank.

Owing to the falling off of demands for coinage a large stock of circulated coin has accumulated in the mints and in the Treasury. It is the fixed policy of the Department to restore this coinage to circulation before issuing new coins. Furthermore, it is probable that no subsidiary or minor coin will be manufactured for the balance of the current calendar year, the plan being to confine the operations of the mints to the manufacture of silver dollars.

Many requests have been made for new coins from various parts of the country, including your State. I feel sure it would be a source of embarrassment, not only to the Department but to you, should we deviate from the policy adopted. You know, however, how much pleasure I would take in conforming with your request

if it were practicable. I shall be only too pleased to inform you when any change in this policy is made.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Miles Poindexter,
United States Senate.

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February 17, 1922.

Mrs. James E. Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Fraser:

I am greatly pleased that you are going to do the Grant Dollar.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter I had an interview with Congressman Kearns who has charge of the organization for the commission and asked him to communicate with you directly, authorizing you to proceed with the work and arranging for the payment thereof.

If I can be of any further service regarding this matter please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mr. Fraser, I am;

Sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1922.

Dear Congressman Volstead:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 14, enclosing a letter from Mr. P. H. Blom, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, Bellingham, Minn., requesting specimens of the Grant Memorial Coins. I am returning herewith Mr. Blom's letter and have to advise you that the Grant Memorial coins will be distributed through the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The coins will not be distributed through the Treasury. It is understood that these coins will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Andrew J. Volstead,
House of Representatives.

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February 17, 1922.

Miss Bounylin Adams,
Cottonwood High School,
Cottonwood, Alabama.

Madame:

Your letter, without date, addressed to the Bureau of Education, Department of Commerce, has been referred to this Bureau. An ounce of pure gold is worth $20.67. The price of silver changes from day to day. The market price yesterday was approximately 66 cents per fine ounce. This price applies to other than United States product.

The Act of April 23, 1918 provides that the Director of the Mint shall purchase silver produced and reduced in the United States at $1.00 per ounce. Such purchases are being made when sales can be covered by affidavits showing origin of the metal and where same was treated. The silver is being purchased to replace that sold during the war, which was derived from melting silver dollars. When a sufficient quantity of silver has been purchased to replace that which has been sold the purchase of silver at $1.00 an ounce will be discontinued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1922.

The C. L. Downey Company,
941 Clark St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 14, relative to wrappers for standard silver dollars, you are advised that the 1922 standard silver dollars are to be of uniform thickness so that the coins will stack without difficulty.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1922.

Goldsmith Bros. Smelting & Refining Co.,
5844 S. Throop St., Heyworth Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has today advised this Bureau that you have forwarded to that institution approximately 532 fine ounces of silver covered by affidavits required to make sales to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act.

The Department desires to have all offers of silver for sale under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, submitted to this Bureau, in order that the Director of the Mint, in accordance with the provisions of the Bill, may designate the mint to which such silver shall be delivered. In this instance the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to accept the amount you have tendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1922.

Miss Elizabeth Haseltine,
Librarian, School of Commerce,
Washington Square, East, New York.

Madame:

Replying to your card of February 16, you are advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. A requisition has been made for a new edition and if filled a copy of this publication will be mailed to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1922.

The Quincy Mining Company,
52 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of February 16, of 1,452 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 18, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco, California.

Offer eighty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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February 17, 1922.

Mr. Henry Griggs,

Tulot, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 12, you are advised that the Government has not at its disposal "Spanish dip needles and tracer rods" to locate buried treasure.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you,

I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1922.

Mr. Donald McCavick,
1416 West 4th St.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter without date, the following are the mint marks of the United States.

The Mint at San Francisco, the letter "S".

The Mint at Denver, the letter "D".

Coins executed in the Mint at Philadelphia are known by the absence of the mint mark.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1922.

Mr. Max W. Bennett,
309 W. South St.,
Warsaw, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of February 16, you are advised that application for the following coins should be addressed as below:

Landing of Pilgrims	Shawmut National Bank, Boston, Mass.
Missouri Centennial	Sedalia Trust Company, Sedalia, Mo.
Alabama Centennial	First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

I am unable to advise you where you can obtain coins of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1902, or the Lewis & Clark Exposition, 1904. The coins were not distributed through the Treasury Department but by the Exposition companies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1922.

The American Metal Market Co.,
61 Fulton St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of February 17, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1922.

Mr. C. L. Burnette,
R.F.D. No. 8, Box 27,
Cleveland, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7, you are advised that this office has no record of having received the specimens of ore referred to by you. It is suggested that you forward any material you desire assayed to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where this work will be done at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1922.

Mr. John McCarvey,

Kokadjo, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 3, you are advised that this office is not in receipt of the specimen of rock which you state has been forwarded by you. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send approximately five pounds of the material you desire assayed to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where this work will be done at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1922.

Dr. A. S. Harrison,

Davison, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you said to contain gold scrap, which is being forwarded, unopened, to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, as there is no place in Washington where such scrap is purchased by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1922.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I am sorry to be under the necessity of returning your voucher covering expenses while in attendance at the recent Annual Assay Commission at the Philadelphia Mint. The Congress has imposed a limit of $5.00 per diem for subsistence expenses (room and meals) which may be paid to officers and employees of the United States from our appropriations. The Act in question is quoted as follows:

> "On and after July first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, no officer or employee of the United States shall be allowed or paid any sum in excess of expenses actually incurred for subsistence while traveling on duty outside of the District of Columbia and away from his designated post of duty, nor any sum for such expenses actually incurred in excess of $5 per day .....(Act Apr. 6, 1914, 38 Stat., 318.)"

If you will kindly submit an amended voucher on the enclosed form I will take pleasure in putting it in line for early settlement.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Miss Madeline E. Pierson,

Belgian Embassy.

Dear Miss Pierson:

I am enclosing herewith ten silver dollars obtained from the Mint at Philadelphia in accordance with your request of last week.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Dear Senator Capper:

I have your letter of February 18, relative to request from Charles E. Morrison who asks for information relative to value of money, etc. I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Morrison the following publications:

"Value of Foreign Coins"
"Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World"
"Information relative to Money, Bonds, etc."

I have advised him that the above are being forwarded at your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Arthur Capper,
United States Senate.

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February 20, 1922.

Mr. Wm. McCandless,

Whiting, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of February 17, relative to obtaining five of the Peace Dollars of 1921, it is suggested that you make application to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district for these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Mr. J. G. Roberts,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Responding to your request of February 17, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith statement covering the coinage for the calendar year 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Mr. Charles E. Morrison,
215 West 7th Street,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Sir:

At the request of Honorable Arthur Capper, United States Senate, I am forwarding herewith the following publication:

"Value of Foreign Coins"
"Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World"
"Information relative to Money, Bonds, etc."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Mr. W. V. Shipley,
Division Passenger Agent,
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Shipley:

I have your letter of February 18 with reference to parties of teachers and senior students of various high schools who desire to visit the Mint at Philadelphia on the dates mentioned. It gives me pleasure to advise you that I have today instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit to the Philadelphia Mint the teachers and students of the various high schools applying for admission on the following dates.

February 25	April 8
March 11	April 22
March 25	May 6

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Co.,
18 to 34 Nesbitt Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th inst. it is necessary to again refer you to letter of this office dated November 4, 1921 and also to letter of February 8, 1922. The shipment of furnace and rheostat mentioned in these letters was made on Government Bill of Lading #47429 to the Multiple Unit Electric Co., 136 Liberty St., New York City through the American Railway Express Co. This shipment was eventually received by your company. In your letter of June 29, 1921, file #2218, quoting charges for repairing furnace and rheostat, an item for "Incoming expressage..$3.23" is included. It is presumed that this charge of $3.23 covers the above mentioned shipment. If so, please advise this office what disposition was made of the Government Bill of Lading on which this shipment was made; if not, please advise for what service the charge is made.

A Government voucher, covering the 56¢ Parcel Post and Insurance charges for shipping rheostat to this office on October 21, 1921, is enclosed herewith. Please sign same and return to this office where it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bills of the Philadelphia Mint in total $1,634.75, covering 2500 Good Conduct Medals and 3 Brevet Medals furnished. Receipts for the delivery of these medals are attached to the vouchers. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$1,479.39
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	155.36
	$1,634.75

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1922.

Mr. Frank H. Crowell,

Newberg, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the ten cents in stamps enclosed in your letter of February 13, and have to advise you that application for the coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Missouri to the Union should be addressed to the Sedalia Trust Company, Sedalia, Missouri.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of February 20, of 117, 000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1922.

Mr. Frank Allen,

Iron River, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 17, you are advised that standard silver dollars, other than Peace Dollars, were coined to the amount of $86,730,000 in 1921. Peace Dollars were coined during the same period to the amount of $1,006,473.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 21, 1922.

Mr. Edward G. De Klyen,
1931 South 59th Ave.,
Cincero, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of February 17 addressed to the Bureau of Standards has been referred to this Bureau for attention. There are no publications issued by the Treasury Department dealing with the assaying of gold and silver. As possible sources of information I would suggest that you consult such works as the following:

Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis.	Scott
Sampling and Assaying Precious Metals.	E. H. Smith
Metallurgy of Gold.	T. R. Rose
The Precious Metals.	T. R. Rose

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 21, 1922.

Miss Ida Maxwell,
General Delivery,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of February 19, you are advised that there is a regulation forbidding the photographing of any of the mint machinery or appliances used in the manufacture or storage of money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 21, 1922.

Mr. J. A. E. Naess,
912 So. 17th St.,
Tacoma, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 13th you are advised that the issue of a Grant Memorial gold dollar was authorized by an Act approved February 2, 1922. The distribution of these coins will be handled by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Treasury Department will not distribute these coins. It is understood that they will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1922.

Grant State Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 16, you are advised that the memorial coins commemorating the centenary of the birth of General Grant will be distributed through the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is understood that they will be sold at a premium.

The Treasury Department will not distribute these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1922.

Mr. Oscar F. S. Long,
44 South Fifth Street,
Newport, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 20, you are advised that no nickels were issued in 1913 other than the nickel bearing the buffalo on one side and the indian head on the other.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1922.

Mr. Joseph H. Maher,
Prentice-Hall Business Digest,
70 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of February 6 addressed to the Bureau of Census, to which reply was made by the Bureau of Census on February 11, was forwarded by that office to the Federal Reserve Board and in turn referred to this Bureau for information relative to the amount of gold bullion used in the United States during a particular period.

During the calendar year 1920 it is estimated that the gold production amounted to $51,186,900, and that the amount consumed in the industrial arts during the same period was $82,215,087. Of this amount it is estimated that $54,009,609 was new material. The Report of the Director of the Mint issued annually late in the fall contains extensive data relative to the production and consumption of gold in the United States and in the world. The first edition of the Report is exhausted. As soon as the second edition is received a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Mr. J. S. Swogger,
The Oakland State Bank,
Oakland, Kansas.

Sir:

Your letter of February 20, addressed to the Honorable Charles Curtis, relative to "Lincoln gold dollar and also 50 cent pieces", has been referred by Senator Curtis to this office for attention.

I beg to advise you that an act was recently passed authorizing the issue of a dollar gold piece and fifty cent piece commemorating the centenary of the birth of General Grant, and these coins when issued may be obtained by applying to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is understood they will be sold at a premium. The Treasury Department will not distribute these coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1922.

Mr. E. W. Mitchell,

Chanute, Kansas.

Sir:

The sample submitted with your letter of February 19 proves to be a mixture of quartz and iron oxide. It probably contains from 15 to 20 per cent iron, and is of no value commercially.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1922.

Mrs. George W. Moss,
P. O. Box 198,
Annapolis, Md.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date I am returning herewith post card and beg to advise you that Mr. Francisci's address is 24 West 60th St., New York, N.Y.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1923.

Mr. Shirl H. Blalock,
District Office Manager,
515 Lowman Building, Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 16 addressed to Hon. S. P. Gilbert, Jr., I have taken pleasure in placing the name of Mr. Roy O. Hadley, Drumheller, Ehrlichman & Co., 1602 Hoge Building, Seattle, Washington, on the list to receive regularly the Department Circular "Value of Foreign Coins", issued quarterly.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Mrs. M. G. Weaver,

Elliottsburg, Pa.

Madam:

Your letter of February 20 addressed to the Department of Commerce relative to location of assay offices, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. You are advised that the assay offices located in the West are as follows:

United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Helena, Montana
" " " " Deadwood, S.D.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah
" " " " Carson City, Nevada

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Dear Mrs. Reynolds:

You have never rendered your expense account for travel and subsistence as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which met in February, 1921. I am enclosing blank form of voucher, assuming that the matter has escaped your attention. I will be glad to have your account adjusted and shall put the same through immediately upon receipt.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

Mrs. Katharine S. Reynolds,

Winston-Salem, N.C.

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February 24, 1922.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

You have never rendered your expense account for travel and subsistence as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which met in February, 1921. I am enclosing blank form of voucher, assuming that the matter has escaped your attention. I will be glad to have your account adjusted and shall put the same through immediately upon receipt.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 MacDougal Alley,
New York, N.Y.

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February 24, 1922.

My dear Senator Capper:

In 1920 you were a member of the United States Assay Commission which met at Philadelphia February 9 to 15. No expense account has ever been rendered by you covering your travel and subsistence expenses. It has occurred to me that you might wish to have your attention called to this matter and have the account rendered for adjustment.

I am enclosing form of voucher and shall appreciate it if you will advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Arthur Capper,
United States Senate.

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February 24, 1922.

Dear Senator Curtis:

In accordance with request contained in your note of February 20, I am returning herewith letter of February 16 from Mr. J. S. Swogger of the Oakland State Bank, Oakland, Kansas. I am also attaching copy of my letter to Mr. Swogger.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Charles Curtis,
United States Senate.

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February 25, 1922.

The C. L. Downey Company,
941 Clark St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of February 21, and to our letter of the 16, relative to the dimensions of the standard silver dollar, I have not to advise you that owing to the character of the designs of the dollar it was deemed necessary to make a smaller planchet. The dimensions now being used on the standard silver dollar at Philadelphia have been sent to the other two coinage mints, and will be used without further change.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Riches, Cashier,
Exchange Savings Bank,
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21, you are advised that the mints will not undertake the coinage of gold for the present. Should gold coinage be executed for the calendar year 1922 such coinage will be confined to the manufacture of $20.00 gold pieces.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Mr. E. W. Gleason,

Rockland, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of redent date you are advised that that the following is a list of special half dollars recently coined:

Illinois Centennial	State Treasurer, Springfield, Ill.
Maine Centennial	State Treasurer, Augusta, Me.
Alabama Centennial	First National Bank, Birminghdm, Alabama.
Missouri Centennial	Sedalia Trust Company, Sedalia, Mo.
Pilgrim Tercentennial	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

An act has recently been enacted authorizing the coinage of a Grant Memorial gold dollar and fifty cent silver piece. When issued these coins will be handled by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. They will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Mr. R. A. Underwood,

Plainview, Texas.

Sir:

In February, 1920, you attended the meetings of the Annual Assay Commission. No expense account has yet been received from you covering traveling and subsistence expenses from Plainview, Texas, to Philadelphia and return. I am enclosing herewith blank form of voucher and will be glad to hear from you in regard to the account.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1922.

Mr. M. I. Marshall, Cashier,
Farmers Savings Bank,
Birch Tree, Mo.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the nugget forwarded with your letter of February 15th, and have to advise you that gold is purchased by the Government only in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 25, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad St.,
New York, N.Y.

Offer sixty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

W ERI WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 25, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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FICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

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February 25, 1922.

Mr. C. L. Breiger,
The Evelyn Lodge,
Staten Island, New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 11th instant, please be advised that the item of 4,087,079.91 fine ounces silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act appearing on page 10 of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1920, includes 2,127,400 ounces, parts of several purchases which were incomplete at the date of rendition of accounts and which are carried in our accounts as "bullion advanced on"; that is, this number of ounces represents a like value advanced on large purchases before their full value was known. Bullion advanced on is not recorded in the statistical records until full payment is made, therefore this 2,127,400 ounces does not appear in the tabulation on page 103 of the report in question.

No open market purchases of silver were made by the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1920; such silver as was purchased, other than that received under the terms of the Pittman Act, represents regular deposits, including silver contained in gold deposits, and was paid for on our regular basis of the New York official quotation of the date prior to the receipt of the deposits less the fraction of a cent per ounce.

It is against the policy of the Department to give the names of vendors of precious metals.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

Mexican dollar	$ .5187
British & Hongkong dollar .	.5149
Yuan dollar	.5130

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1922.

Mr. Charles Nichols,
645 Lee Street,
Aston, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I am returning herewith a dime in place of the one forwarded by you. The dime enclosed in your leter is a genuine coin, imperfectly struck.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1922.

National City Financial Library,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 24 you are advised that the first edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. As soon as a new supply has been received a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1922.

Mr. John W. Ripley,
The Robbins-Ripley Company,
50 Church Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 25 you are advised that Peace Dollars to the amount of $1,006,473 were coined bearing the date 1921.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1922.

Dr. S. W. Stratton,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Stratton:

I have your voucher covering expenses as a member of the Annual Assay Commission. In checking over the account it is noted that on February 8 the item for breakfast, $1.35 and for dinner, $1.80, added to the cost of hotel room, $5.00, would bring the allowance over the limit for that day by $3.15, and the charges for the 9th, breakfast $1.00 and room $5.00 would bring the expenses to $1.00 over the limit allowed us. It is presumed that in making up the account these excess items were overlooked.

I am submitting the voucher for your inspection and if you will return the same it will be forwarded to the mint at Philadelphia for payment, less these excess charges. It seemed best to have you inspect the voucher, however, before this was done.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 28, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco California

Offer sixty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
ROM TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

February 28, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of February 27 of 130,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bills of the Philadelphia Mint in total $650.00, covering 1000 Good Conduct Medals furnished. Receipts for the delivery of these medals are attached to the vouchers. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$588.24
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	61.76
	$650.00

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1922.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 23 recommending the probational appointment of Mr. Rippeto as"Assistant in Assaying", I beg to advise you that I have this date forwarded recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury approving the probational appointment of Mr. Rippeto to the position of Skilled Workman, his present title, at $1500 per annum. I deem it advisable that Mr. Rippeto remain as Skilled Workman as we have no employees in the Mint Service designated as "Assistant in Assaying".

Mr. Rippeto is now under bond of $5000, and it will not be necessary to forward a new bond.

I trust this will be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1922.

Mr. T. Wikawa, Chief Secretary,
Japanese Financial Commission,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 27, I take pleasure in advising you that the Mint in Philadelphia will be authorized to provide you with blue prints of the inspecting machine to which you refer, it being understood that you desire it for the use of Mr. Shibata, Assayer of the Imperial Japanese Mint. I am also enclosing for the use of Mr. Shibata a copy of our Table of Charges.

I regret to advise you that the first edition of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. As soon as a new supply is received a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1922.

Mr. Thomas M. Paterson, Representative,
The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
American National Bank Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Pat:

I very much appreciate your kindness in forwarding three specimens of the Indo-China Piastres which have recently been made at the San Francisco Mint. I particularly desire to add specimens of this coin to the collection and you have given me this opportunity most courteously.

I hope to be in San Francisco a little later on and shall be pleased to see you and thank you in person.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1922.

Mr. J. W. Howell, Postmaster,

Green Mountain, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 27, stating that you have two $1.00 silver pieces which you suspect to be counterfeit, I would suggest that you forward the same to the Secret Service, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., for inspection.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1922.

Mr. Francis C. Millspaugh,
166 Nesmith St.,
Lowell, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 26, the following are the only publications distributed by the Mint Service:

Annual Report, containing report of production of precious metals.
Quarterly report, Value of Foreign Coins.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the last quarterly report "Value of Foreign Coins". The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint is entirely exhausted. A new supply has been ordered, and you name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the same when available for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1922.

Mr. Wm. Hope, Postmaster,
Morris, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Febfuary 25, relative to obtaining certain memorial coins, you are advised that application for the coins desired should be addressed as follows:

Panama-Pacific half dollar	- Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco, Cal.
Illinois half dollar	- State Treasurer, Springfield, Ill.
Maine half dollar	- " " Augusta, Me.
Missouri half dollar	- Sedalia Trust Company, Sedalia, Mo.
Alabama half dollar	- First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.
Pilgrim half dollar	- National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1922.

Mr. F. W. Hills, Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hills:

I have your letter of February 27 relative to Mr. Lacey's investigation of the accounting system of the New York Assay Office, and I am glad to know that we may expect a supplemental report some time this week.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1922.

Mr. John Hobery,
2934 John St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date relative to memorial coins, you are advised that application for the Missouri half dollar should be addressed to the Sedalia Trust Company, Sedalia, Mo., and for the Alabama coin to the First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1922.

Dear Congressman Andrews:

I have your letter of February 28, stating that one of your constituents desires to secure $300 worth of $2.50 gold pieces.

As you know, the situation as to $2.50 gold pieces is exceptional in that gold has not been coined in this denomination for many years, and the limited supply in Treasury offices is available only as reserve and would be soon exhausted if used for general payments. It is the Treasury's policy not to resume the coinage of $2.50 gold coins in view of the fact that the demand for them is based on sentiment rather than on utility, and on account of the relatively large amount of abrasion involved in their circulation and the tendency of gold coins in this denomination to disappear through circulation. In these circumstances it is not deemed advisable to resume the coinage of gold in the denomination of $2.50, and it is the fixed policy of the Treasury not to make further payments of gold coin of this denomination.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. W. B. Andrews,
House of Representatives.

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March 1, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
Regional Accounting Department,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letters of January 18th, February 7th and 8th, your file No. 58-GG-4-F, requesting status of the bills stated below, you are advised that settlement for these bills was included in Settlement No. 38214, dated January 11, 1922, total amount $718.84.

Bill No.	Amount.	Bill No.	Amount.
D/7/208	$ 27.27	D/9/224	$ 24.64
D/7/209	15.32	D/9/225	29.84
D/7/210	6.25	D/9/226	4.01
D/7/211	14.22	D/9/227	1.17
D/7/214	15.29	D/9/229	2.76
D/7/215	506.84		

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 2, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Offer fifty four thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 1, 1922.

Reverend Louis Jaffa,
1402 West 14th St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 22, making inquiry in regard to the synthetic preparation of gold, I have to advise you that this Department has no knowledge of the methods you mention for the manufacture of this metal.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1922.

Mr. Theodore F. Stafford,
612 Douglas Avenue,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 25, you are advised that Document No. 2612, "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States At Philadelphia," may be obtained, at a cost of $1.00, from the Superintendent, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. I regret that we have none for gratuitous distribution.

Your name will be placed on the list to receive a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, the first edition being entirely exhausted.

The Mints no longer manufacture proof coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1922.

Mr. Marshall Wentworth, Principal,
Uxbridge High School,
Ixbridge, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 1, you are advised that the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has been authorized to admit groups of students accompanied by teachers. If you will present this note at the door you will have no difficulty in being admitted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1922.

Arthur H. Thomas Company,
West Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau acknowledges with thanks the receipt of your catalogue "Laboratory Apparatus and Reagents."

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1922.

Mr. John R. Commons,
The University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisc.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of February 27th, will state that this office does not collect monthly figures for the gold production of the United States. It is understood that the Department of Commerce is about to inaugurate such a service. The Commerce Department also collects monthly statistics covering imports and exports of gold, and in view of the above your communication is being referred to the Commerce Department.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 2, 1922.

Bureau of the Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

The enclosed communication is referred to you for appropriate action and the writer so advised.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 2, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of March 1, of 1,000,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1922.

Depot Quartermaster,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your voucher againsttthe Philadelphia Mint covering 1304 yds. canvas duck furnished is herewith returned. Please state, on face of voucher, the appropriation to which credit is desired.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Prohibition Unit,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Helena Assay Office, amount $10.55, covering 50% of the common expenses of the Assay Office and Prohition Director occupying the same building, October 1st to December 31, 1921, paid by the Assay Office. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1922".

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

Post Office Department,
Office, Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bills of the Philadelphia Mint, total amount $240.40, covering 12 Embossing dies (1¢) and 12 Stamped Envelope Embossing dies (2¢) furnished. Receipts for the delivery of these dies are attached to the vouchers. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$216.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	24.40
	$240.40

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $1.00, covering cost of one West Indian Campaign Medal furnished on your order No. 5559, dated January 5, 1922. Receipt for the delivery of this medal is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$.85
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	.15
	$1.00

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1922.

Mr. L. L. Donough,

Commerce, Georgia.

Sir:

Your letter of February 17 addressed to Hon. Thomas M. Bell has been referred by Congressman Bell to this Bureau for attention. In reply you are advised that the Government issues no publication on coins with the exception of "The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia", which may be obtained by applying to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. This book is distributed at a cost of $1.00. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

Mr. J. F. Nowatny,
6067 Salem Place,
Hollywood, California.

Sir:

Your letter of February 23 addressed to the Department of the Interior has been forwarded to this Bureau for information relative to the production of gold.

The first edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. As soon as additional copies are received one will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

W. H. Lowdermilk & Co.,
F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau the price at which you can furnish one copy of ECONOMIC MINERALOGY by Thomas Crook for delivery to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington. It is understood that this book is published by Longmans, Green & Company, 39 Paternoster Row, London.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

BRENTANO's,
Twelfth and F Sts.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau the price at which you can furnish one copy of ECONOMIC MINERALOGY by Thomas Crook for delivery to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington. It is understood this book is published by Longmans, Green & Company, 39 Paternoster Row, London.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

Woodward & Lothrop,
F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau the price at which you can furnish one copy of ECONOMIC MINERALOGY by Thomas Crook for delivery to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington. It is understood this book is published by Longmans, Green & Company, 39 Paternoster Row, London.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Dopkeen,
20 Canterbury St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 22 relative to your desire to deposit gold, silver and platinum scrap, you are advised that the Government is not purchasing silver scrap free from gold. The Government does not purchase platinum in any form. Gold scrap, to be acceptable, must be in accordance with the advice received by you from the New York Assay Office; it must be in metallic form and must not contain 800 parts or more of base metal. The Assay Office at New York is not required to accept deposits of gold scrap which do not approximate in value $100.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

March 4, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco California.

Offer forty four thousand ounces Pittman Silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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March 4, 1922.

Mr. Anthony de Francisci,
24 West 60th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith voucher for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred by you on your recent visits to Washington and Philadelphia in connection with preparation of dies for the Peace Dollar. It is requested that you execute the affidavit and return the voucher to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of March 3, of 99,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1922.

Honorable G. F. Bowerman, Librarian,
The Public Library of the District of Columbia,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 1 relative to "Coinage Laws of the United States", I beg to advise you that the edition of 1893 is the latest we have. However, I am forwarding a copy of a Supplement to the laws which may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1922.

Mr. Anthony de Francisci,
24 West 60th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

This letter will confirm verbal authority given to you to visit the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of the dies for the Standard Silver Dollar, the designs of which were made by you. Upon the completion of your work please render an account on the enclosed form of voucher and payment of your expenses will be made from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

S. P. Gilbert, Jr.
UNDER SECRETARY

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March 4, 1922.

Mr. Frank J. Dinsmore,
2131 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 2 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States you are advised that no recommendation for the payment of the bonus to temporary employees was made by the Superintendent at Philadelphia, and there is, therefore, no claim pending at the Department for the payment of the bonus to you during the period of your employment as Temporary Helper.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1922.

Mr. Geo. R. Stewart,
First Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Sir:

Responding to your request of February 28 addressed to the Treasury Department I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921. The first edition of this report is entirely exhausted, and the second edition is now being prepared.

The report contains a table showing the production of gold in the United States annually for a series of years.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1922.

De Soto Stamp & Coin Co.,
25 W. Washington St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of March 1, relative to the Grant Memorial coins, you are advised that application for these memorial pieces should be addressed to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1922.

G. E. Stechert and Co.,
151-155 West 25th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your bill against the Philadelphia Mint for 3 books furnished on their order No. 1159, dated June 30, 1921. It is noted that the charge for Roscher, Lexikon d. griechnischen u. romischen Mythologie, vols. I-II bound, is $30.00, whereas price quoted on your bid dated June 20, 1921 is "about $25.00". Will you please state cause for difference between price charged and that quoted?

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
Regional Accounting Department,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letters of January 24, 1922, your file No. 58-CC-4-F, requesting status of the bills stated below, you are advised that settlement for these bills was included in Settlement No. 38214, dated January 11, 1922, total amount $718.84.

Bill No.	Amount.
D/8/243	$20.77
D/8/244	19.61
D/8/245	13.76
D/8/246	15.64
D/8/247	1.45

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 6, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Your offer March second one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker Director

...AL BUSINESS.
...VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Px. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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March 4, 1922.

Mr. Theron L. White, Postmaster,

Wardsboro, Vermont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 27 addressed to the Acting Postmaster General you are advised that there are two types of twenty five cent pieces in circulation, one with the stars at the base of the eagle, and one with the stars on each side. The type of coin of the latter design is the one now being executed, a slight change haveing been made in the original die in order to make the coin more artistic.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1922.

R. W. Wehrle & Co.,

Indiana, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledge of express package forwarded by you said to contain old gold. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where such material is purchased by the Government. I have this day forwarded the package, unopened, to the United States Assay Office, New York, requesting the Superintendent of that Institution to communicate with you directly.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1922.

Mr. C. F. Shen-Liang,
411 South Henderson Street,
Bloomington, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives all the statistics available on the subject of production of the precious metals and their use in the arts, also the price of silver for a series of years.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1922.

Dr. J. Milton Rosenthal,
Room 338 Utility Building,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 4 you are advised that the Government is not purchasing platinum in any form. Dental scrap consisting of gold and silver will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Mr. E. C. Watson,
Luning, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of February 25 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. In reply I beg to submit the following:

Vendors of mixed silver to the Government under the provisions of the Pittman Act are required to furnish to the Director of the Mint, not less frequently than quarterly, sworn abstracts from their books showing the receipt supported by information as to where each item originated and carrying reference to the settlement sheets, and each item classified as either foreign or domestic. Such abstracts must also show the amount of purchases, the amounts of opening and closing stocks. Under the new arrangement they must also show the amount lost in treatment. These abstracts form a continuous record for the entire period during which purchases under the Pittman Act have been made. Vendors cannot sell to the Government the full amount for which miner's affidavits are obtainable, but such amount less operating losses and certain other items as provided by the regulations, copy of which please find enclosed, to paragraph 5 (approved December 2, 1921) of which attention is particularly invited. Should occasion seem to warrant it the Department would be in position to satisfy itself from personal inspection of books and records as to the accuracy of the abstracts furnished by vendors.

It will thus be seen that we have a complete check upon the operations of the smelters and refiners as to both source and disposition of their silver and that it will not be possible for them to substitute foreign silver for the amount of domestic silver which may be lost in treatment or in any other manner.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Miss Pauline Nylund,

Scandia, Kansas.

Madame:.

Replying to your letter of March 1 you are advised that we have no publication covering the coinage or coins of all or any different nations. As of possible source of information I would suggest the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia". A copy of this publication may be obtained from the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at a cost of $1.00. I regret that we have no copies for gratutious distribution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Mr. M. V. Dixon,

Collins, Miss.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 3 I beg to advise you that the Mints do not purchase gold in small quantities and could not, therefore, purchase the gold watch case you describe. Deposits of gold to be acceptable to the Mints and Assay Offices must approximate in value $100.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1922.

United States Rubber Company,
1790 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of March 3 and regret the error in sending you the wrong voucher. I am enclosing herewith the correct voucher for the account.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Mr. Anthony de Francisci,
24 West 60th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Will you kindly return to this office the duplicate voucher detached by you, as this is a necessary part of the record for the disbursing officer. Payment cannot be made upon your account until the same is received.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Please refer to your letter L-733 of March 2, 1922? It appears from the enclosures with said letter that the item of 230,220.50 ounces silver delivered by your Selby plant in June for account of the Anglo & London Paris National Bank has never been reported in your schedules of sales accompanying abstracts from books as being 100 per-cent chargeable to production from domestic mines. If I am mistaken as to this will you please let me know where the item can be found; if not, it is suggested that the item be so treated in the next schedule of sales and abstract from books which you render.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Since receipt of your letter L-734 of March 2nd, search has been made for the letter with accompanying unsigned affidavit mentioned therein but without success in locating same; neither has anyone in this office any recollection of having seen letter and affidavit. If you will have duplicate of the unsigned affidavit forwarded, this office will take pleasure in promptly advising you concerning the acceptability of the silver upon the affidavit and upon the facts to be disclosed by the affidavit.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

The Newark Sunday Call,
Query and Opinion Department,
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 4 requesting the coinage at each of the mints during the year 1921 in denominations to and including the silver dollar, I take pleasure in submitting the following:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
One Cent Pieces	39,157,000	15,274,000	
Five " "	10,663,000	1,557,000	
Dimes	1,230,000		1,080,000
Quarters	1,316,000		
Half Dollars	446,125	548,000	208,000
Standard Silver Dollars (old design)	44,690,000	21,695,000	20,345,000
(new design)	1,006,473		

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1922.

Mr. J. A. Fulton, Manager,
Idaho Maryland Mines Company,
Grass Valley, California.

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I have your letter of February 28 relative to communication addressed to Mr. Callbreath of the American Mining Congress by the California Metal & Mineral Producer's Association, as to the feasibility of getting a law through Congress requiring vendors to supply affidavits as to the origin of gold sold to the Government.

If an opportunity arises to take the matter up with Mr. Wells when he is in the East I will see him with much pleasure.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1922.

Mr. Horace R. Patten,
186 Lexington Avenue,
Providence, R. I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5 requesting information as to the weight in grains of the fifty dollar gold pattern pieces made in 1877, you are advised that the normal weight of the pieces was 1290 grains. The regular coinage of the pieces was never undertaken, the pieces issued being known as "pattern pieces".

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1922.

Professor Sterling D. Spero,
520 West 124th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Professor Spero:

I have your letter of March 2 relative to a study you are preparing to appear in book form; "Organizations among Public Employees", and requesting information as to such organizations in the Mints.

This Department has no knowledge of the affiliations of the employees of the mints with the various labor organizations. I am, therefore, unable to assist you in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1922.

Miss Gertie McPass,

Cobden, Ill.

Madame:

I am returning herewith your Postal Money Order for $2.00 forwarded by you to cover charges for assaying material addressed by you to this Bureau. Please be advised that this work is not done in Washington. The Mint at New Orleans will make such assays at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for other metals determined. Please communicate directly with that institution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Powers & Anderson Dental Co., Inc.,
603 East Main St.,
Richmond, Va.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by express of a declared value of $600. I am today forwarding this package to the United States Assay Office, New York, requesting the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you directly with regard to the contents, as there is no place in Washington where purchases of dental scrap are made by the Government.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Mr. M. A. Abbott,
c/o Dr. H. J. Spencer,
125 Waverly Place,
New York City.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the gold dental scrap forwarded by you. You are advised that that there is no place in Washington where such purchases are made by the Government, and the Mints and Assay Office purchase dental scrap only in quantities approximating or exceeding in value $100.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1922.

Miss Peggy Woods,
Kidd-Key College,
Sherman, Texas.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of March 3, requesting pamphlets describing the process of making money, I beg to advise you that the Government does not issue publications on this subject.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 9, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Yost,
5 West 107th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 6 you are advised that the first edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. A second edition has been requested and as soon as copies become available one will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1922.

Miss Evie M. Crim,
P. O. Box 1005,
Winston-Salemn, N.C.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of March 7 I am enclosing voucher to cover expenses incurred by Mrs. Katherine S. Reynolds as a member of the United States Assay Commission, 1921. It is merely necessary that Mrs. Reynolds execute the affidavit and return the voucher to this office when it will be put through for payment.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 9, 1922.

Mrs. H. A. Roberts,
1615 Sixth Ave.,
Huntington, W. Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 7 you are advised that application for the Grant Memorial coins should be addressed to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1922.

Mr. R. V. Browninski,
Lock Box 6,
Marion, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of March 2 addressed to the Grant Memorial Association, Washington, has been forwarded to this Bureau for reply. Application for these coins when issued should be addressed to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am unable to advise you in regard to the prices to be charged for these coins as the Treasury Department will not handle their distribution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Trantham,
419 Kellogg Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 6 you are advised that the Grant Memorial coins will be issued some time in April. They will be distributed solely by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 9, 1922.

Mr. E. Tyler,
Banking Department,
Thos. Cook & Son,
245 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8, you are advised that the second edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is not yet available.

In view of the urgency of your request I take pleasure in enclosing herewith an office copy from our library of the first edition of this report.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1922.

BRENTANO'S,
F and Twelfth Sts.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of March 4, please forward to this office one copy of ECONOMIC MINERALOGY, by Thomas Cooke. It is understood this volume will cost $7.20.

I am enclosing form of voucher upon which it is requested this account be rendered, forwarding the same to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, for payment.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 9, 1922.

Mrs. Laura Gordon Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Fraser:

I am enclosing herewith a draft for $1,600 which was forwarded to this office by Judge Nichols, Secretary of the Grant Memorial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The check is for $1,600 instead of $1,500. Rather than return the $100 to Judge Nichols I suggest that you forward to the Mint at Philadelphia the $100 and I will instruct Philadelphia to receive the same and hold it to the credit of the Association. This arrangement has been explained to Congressman Kearns and he is agreeable to the same.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Arthur H. Thomas Company,
West Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the inclosed statement of account, which accompanied your letter "G.F.O." of the 7th instant, please be advised that the first item, $4.40, pertains to three pairs shears returned to you by parcel post per our letter of advice dated January 18, 1922. We have your bill for the other item of $2.50 covering shears received in lieu of those returned, which bill will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Lt. Col. C. O. Sherrill, C.E.,
Executive and Disbursing Officer,
The Grant Memorial Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Sherrill:

Replying to your letter of March 7 relative to the Grant Memorial Gold dollars and silver half dollars, I beg to state that the coins will be distributed through the Grant Memorial Centennial Commission, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Mint will deliver the coins to the agent of this Commission, and it is understood that distribution will be through that source only.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Mr. Horace Peary,
312 Morgan Building,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sir:

The Bureau of Mines advises this Bureau that a letter has been received from you requesting information relative to the marketing of gold bullion. The Mints and Assay offices of the United States will purchase gold bullion in quantities valued at $100 and over and pay for the same, after value has been determined by melting and assaying and charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Bullion bearing 800 parts or more of base metal is not acceptable.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Mr. Henry C. Quinby, Secretary,
Grant Monument Association,
165 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8 you are advised that an Act has been passed authorizing the coinage of 10,000 gold dollars and 250,000 half dollars. The coins are to be delivered by the Mints to the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and will be dispensed through that agency. The Treasury will not distribute the coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 10, 1922.

The Durfron Company,

Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your statement of February 26, 1922, and suggest that the same be forwarded to the institution concerned.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Mr. G. H. Shaw,

Utica, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 3 relative to one cent pieces coined in 1833, you are advised that in this year there were coined in the Mints of the United States one cent pieces to the value of $27,390.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Mr. F. S. Vandersloot, Postmaster,

Farmington, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the Grant Memorial coins, you are advised that the dies for this coinage are now in course of preparation and it is expected that the coins will be ready for delivery some time in April. Their distribution will be handled entirely by the Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, it being understood that they will be sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Seattle, 1922.

BRENTANO'S

March 8, 1922.

F and Twelfth Sts., Washington, D.C.

fice of the Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

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by Thomas Cooke 1 ea. 7.20

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Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1922.

Mr. W. B. Ward, Cashier,
The Penn National Bank,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of March 9 requesting to be supplied with new subsidiary and minor coins.

As there is a very large accumulation at the present time of circulated coin on hand in the mints and in the Treasury, it has been determined to withhold the paying out of new coins until the used coins are returned to circulation. This policy has been followed consistently throughout the past year, and I am, therefore, unable to make an exception in this case.

It is not expected that the mints will coin subsidiary or minor coins during the balance of the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker.
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TEN:

Washington,

March 11, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California

Offer eighty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

CIAL BUSINESS,
OVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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March 11, 1922.

American Railway Express Company,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please return to this Bureau charge slip covering shipment of 1 package silver affidavits from the United States Mint at Philadelphia under date of March 8, received and receipted for at this office under date of March 9. Upon receipt of this slip the bill of lading will be executed and returned to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of March 8 offering 60,000 ounces of silver for sale to the Government under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918. Before accepting this silver I would like to be advised by you if foreign ores are treated at your smelter or refinery. If so the silver output must be treated as a mixed product made up of foreign and domestic silver. In order to make a sale of mixed product to the Government it will be necessary to show that the amount of such mixed product tendered for sale as domestic silver does not exceed the amount which represents the product of mines located within the United States and reduction works so located. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the regulations governing the purchase of silver under this Act, and invite your attention particularly to the affidavits required from the vendors of silver.

Upon receipt of your reply to this letter you will be advised whether or not the silver comes within the provisions of the law.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

Mr. C. Earl Andrews,
c/o Edgecliff,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Your letter of February 27 addressed to Honorable Miles Poindexter has been referred by him to this office for attention. The "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." is for sale by the Public Printer, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

For information relative to "Laws of the United States concerning money, banking and lonas, 1778-1909" by A. G. Huntington and R. J. Mawhinney, I have referred your letter to Mr. Mawhinney, Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

Mr. A. J. Mawhinney,
Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mawhinney:

I am enclosing herewith letter received from Honorable Miles Poindexter enclosing letter from Mr. C. Earl Andrews. The latter has been advised that his letter has been referred to you regarding the "Laws of the United States concerning Money, Banking and Loans, 1778-1909".

The writer has been advised in regard to the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

Mr. C. M. Fraga,
Box 349,
Honolulu, T. H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 22 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, you are advised that United States coins have never been"called in", and no special value is attached to the half dollar of 1907.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

Mr. Richard Campbell,
214 Kingsland Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 9 relative to certain coins you are advised that the Government does not keep coins segregated by years. I am unable to tell you where you could obtain the pieces described by you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

Mr. A. P. Alexander, Jr.,

Como, Miss.

Sir:

Responding to your request of March 8 I am forwarding herewith a copy of the coinage laws which will give you the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1922.

Honorable Henry L. Myers,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Myers:

The subject matter of our conversation - the eligibility of certain silver for purchase by the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act - has been carefully considered and Mr. Conway has been requested to submit draft of an affidavit proposed to be submitted in this case and informed that if the affidavit supports the information contained in his letter the silver in question may be purchased at the $1.00 price provided by the Pittman Act.

An enclosing herewith Mr. Conway's communication to you.

Very sincerely yours,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 13, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

With reference to suspension of $ .85 on August Voucher #5, per Audit #12695, ordinary expense account of Harry H. Stewart, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., for period July 12 to September 30, 1921, am forwarding herewith original telegrams in support of amount suspended.

Respectfully.

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 13, 1922.

Mr. Ed Malley,
Treasurer, Homestake Consolidated Mines Company,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Ed:

With reference to your letter of March 6th, will state that I have taken up with the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal., the question of paying your company the difference between the Pittman Act silver price and the price paid you on the deposit made at the San Francisco Mint about August 23, 1921, and you will probably hear from him favorably at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1922.

Honorable Thomas W. Miller,
Alien Property Custodian,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom:

I have your letter of March 10 requesting a copy the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa."

I am sending you a copy of this catalogue taken from my private file. This catalogue is sold by the Superintendent of Documents and we have not been permitted to distribute it gratuitously. I am, however, glad to have you accept this copy from me personally.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1922.

Honorable Charles Moore,
Chairman, Fine Arts Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I am enclosing voucher for travel expenses connected with your trip to Philadelphia as a member of the United States Assay Commission. Although I have already approved the bill I would be glad if you would cause correction to be made in the amount charged for February 9, Room $7.00, Meals $2.00, which makes an overcharge of $4.00 beyond what is allowed to United States employees. If you will return this voucher with the necessary corrections I will put it through immediately.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1922.

Mr. M. T. Woolsey,
1467 Rhode Island Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of February 23 addressed to the President of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Your letter has been read with interest and placed on file for future reference should the subject of development of the gold mining industry come before the Department.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1922.

Mr. H. Livingston, Auditor,
The Harbine Bank of Fairbury,
Fairbury, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8 you are advised that the silver dollar described by you is no doubt genuine. Silver dollars of the old design were coined throughout the year 1921 until December 28, when the first standard silver dollars of the new design were coined. During 1921 $86,730,000 of the old design were issued, and $1,006,473 of the new.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of March 11, of 102,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

S—6728

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 14, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
S—6728 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

S—6728

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 14, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
S—6728 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

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March 14, 1922.

Dear Congressman Garner:

I have your letter of March 13 enclosing a letter from Mr. J. P. Withers who asks for a copy of "Roster of the Department of the Mint." I regret that I am unable to comply with this request as I have no knowledge of a "Roster of the Department of the Mint" ever having been published. It is possible that your constituent desires a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which covers the activities of the Mint Service. The first edition of this report is exhausted. A second edition has been requested and as soon as it is received I will take pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Withers a copy of the same, advising him that it is being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Jno. N. Garner,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 14, 1922.

Dear Senator Sheppard:

I have your letter of March 13 enclosing a letter from Mr. J. P. Withers who asks for a copy of "Roster of the Department of the Mint." I regret that I am unable to comply with this request as I have no knowledge of a "Roster of the Department of the Mint" ever having been published. It is possible that your consituent desires a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which covers the activities of the Mint Service. The first edition of this report is exhausted. A second edition has been requested and as soon as it is received I will take pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Withers a copy of the same, advising him that it is being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Morris Sheppard,
United States Senate.

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March 14, 1922.

Mr. Fred Napoleon,
247 E Manhattan St.,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the rings forwarded by you and have to advise you that the Government purchases old gold only in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 14, 1922.

Mrs. Frederick R. Smith,
89 Plymouth Avenue, S.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 10, I regret to advise you that we will be unable to purchase the silver articles you describe. At the present time the Department is not purchasing silver other than that which comes under the provisions of the Pittman Act. In order to sell silver to the Government at $1.00 an ounce it is necessary to supply affidavit showing that the silver was mined and refined in the United States. It would be obviously impossible to supply such certificate to cover articles of table-ware.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1922.

Mr. Samuel McKirahan,

Rapid City, South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 9 you are advised that this Department has no publication covering the stock of money in the principal countries at the end of 1921. A report covering this item is published by this Bureau toward the close of each calendar year, but the information requested will not be received until some time in November. The Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 carries an estimate of the stock of money for the calendar year 1920. The first edition of this report is exhausted but as soon as additional copies are received I will take pleasure in causing a copy of the report to be sent to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of February were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic bullion	219,586.29	fine ounces
Unrefined foreign bullion	110,895.81	" "
Foreign silver coin	43,607.09	" "

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1922.

Doctor F. M. Surface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of February were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold - 66,607.685 fine ounces
Unrefined domestic silver - 219,586.29 " "

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1922.

Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

With reference to our conversation of yesterday, it is noted that your suggestion involves distribution between domestic and foreign silver bullion, of sales at over $1.00 per ounce made January 17 to May 17, 1920, on basis of receipts from September 20, 1919 to January 17, 1920, such being the approximate equivalent of your stock on hand January 17, 1920.

All sales disbributions have heretofore been made, and have been specified to be made in the future, on the basis of receipts to the end of the accounting period in which the sales occurred.

The balance on hand January 17, 1920 should not be considered as a separate lot, to be given a different basis of accounting treatment from the silver subsequently received.

If any modification pertaining to the May 17, 1920 date should be made it should involve receipts to that date as well as sales, and in that case there would be comparatively little difference between the percentage used in making the distribution and that provided by Mint Bureau letter of January 21, 1922, specifying June 30, 1920 as the end of the first accounting period.

I think you will readily appreciate from the above the correctness of my position in adhering to the regulations.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night - Collect

March 14, 1922.

Honorable Hugh L Nichols, Chairman,
Grant Memorial Centennial Association,
1012 Traction Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Have instructed Philadelphia to have star on five thousand gold coins stop Impossible to make delivery from presses before Monday stop Of the sixteen hundred dollars sent by you to Mrs. Fraser fifteen hundred retained by her balance of one hundred held at mint to your credit to be applied to cost of dies Will advise you later regarding same

Baker Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ---------- 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125
2—5738

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 15, 1922.

Mr. Charles M. Carson,
212 South Tryon Street,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have your letter of March 11 regarding the gold produced from the Ruddisill gold mine of Charlotte, N.C. previous to ten years ago. I regret that we have no records in this Department covering the product of this mint and cannot, therefore, assist you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

BRENTANO'S,
F and Twelfth Sts.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice of March 15th covering one copy of ECONOMIC MINERALOGY by Thomas Crook, in the amount of $7.20, and request that the account be rendered on form of voucher enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

Mr. Mitchell Pirie Briggs,
Fresno Public Schools,
Fresno, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7 you are advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint gives a table showing the ratio of gold to silver up to and including 1920. However, the first edition of this report is exhausted but your name has been placed on the mailing list and as soon as a supply is received from the printer a copy will be forwarded to you. This report will also give you the fluctuation in the price of silver over a period of years.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

Rev. J. A. E. Naess,
912 So. 17th St.,
Tacoma, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8 you are advised that from December 28 until the close of 1921 over a million of the Peace dollars were coined. This design is the only one that will be used in the coinage of standard silver dollars in the future. Standard silver dollars of 1922 are now being coined at all of the mints. The 1922 coins are identical with those coined in 1921 except that the relief of the 1922 coins is slightly lowered.

No gold dollars have been coined since 1889. I am unable to advise you where you could obtain gold dollars.

Of possible interest to you I would suggest the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa." This volume is a book of 600 pages and is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

Mr. Fred Greenclay,
The Illini Hotel,
Alton, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8 you are advised that silver dollars of the Peace design are now being coined by all the mints.

It is not likely that bronze coins will be manufactured during the current year as there is a large stock of subsidiary and minor coin on hand at all of the mints and at the Treasury Department. However, a few of the 1922 bronze coins were manufactured at the mint in Denver early in the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

Miss Edna McManus,
277 Bergenline Avenue,
West Hoboken, N.J.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of March 13 you are advised from the date when first coined to January 1, 1922 there have been coined at the mints of the United States 694,995,593 silver dollars.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

Mr. E. C. French,
Manager, Cash Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Sir:

Your letter of March 13 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this office for attention. Replying to your inquiry as to the different mints which are coining one cent pieces you are advised that the mint at Denver coined a few thousand one cent pieces this year. It is not expected that any further coinage of one cent pieces will take place throughout the current calendar year as there is a large stock on hand in the mints and in the Treasury Department at the present time.

I take pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives you the coinage of one cent pieces for a series of years.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

Rev. A. F. Lundquist,
Swedish Ev. Lutheran Church,
Winthrop, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 9, you are advised that in order to obtain a 1921 Peace Dollar a letter should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1922.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of March 13 relative to a tender of 63,980 ounces of fine silver under the terms of the Pittman Act. The affidavit submitted, copy of which is attached to your letter, is satisfactory to this Bureau if filed with shipment of silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 15, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vaile:

I have your letter of March 7 requesting certain information relative to gold and silver coin and I take pleasure in submitting the following:

1. The number of grains of pure silver in an American dollar from 1873 to 1921 inclusive was 371.25.

2. The number of grains of pure gold per dollar during the same period was 23.22.

3. The average commercial ratio of gold to silver each calendar year since 1687 was as follows:

Year	Ratio	Year	Ratio	Year	Ratio	Year	Ratio
1873	15.93	1885	19.41	1897	34.20	1909	39.74
1874	16.16	1886	20.78	1898	35.03	1910	38.22
1875	16.64	1887	21.10	1899	34.36	1911	38.33
1876	17.75	1888	22.00	1900	33.33	1912	33.62
1877	17.20	1889	22.10	1901	34.68	1913	34.19
1878	17.92	1890	19.75	1902	39.15	1914	37.37
1879	18.39	1891	20.92	1903	38.10	1915	39.84
1880	18.05	1892	23.72	1904	35.70	1916	30.11
1881	18.25	1893	26.49	1905	33.87	1917	23.09
1882	18.20	1894	32.56	1906	30.54	1918	21.00
1883	18.64	1895	31.60	1907	31.24	1919	18.44
1884	18.61	1896	30.59	1908	38.64	1920	20.27

4. The value of gold coined from 1873 to the close of the fiscal year 1921 was $2,644,307,596. The value of silver dollars for the corresponding period was $626,302,120, the value of subsidiary coin, $344,248,975.

For your information it should be stated that while the weight of one standard silver dollar is 371.25 grains, the pure silver contained in two half dollars of subsidiary silver coin is 347.22 grains.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. William N. Vaile,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 15, 1922.

Dear Mr. Webster:

I have your letter of March 14 relative to a three dollar gold piece of 1857.

During the year 1857 $104,673 in three dollar gold pieces were coined. The Department does not issue a list of the values of old coins and I am unable to advise you what value numismatists places upon this piece. I would, however, suggest that a letter addressed to the American Numismatic Society, New York City, might enable you to procure the information you seek.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. N. P. Webster,
Disbursing Clerk,
The White House.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 16, 1922.

Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Herewith please find the affidavits of George T. Castleton concerning the sale to your firm of 663 fine ounces silver, said affidavits having accompanied your letter L-210 of the 11th instant. The affidavit indicating delivery to your Garfield plant is satisfactory to this office in lieu of miners affidavit in so far as it evidences domestic production of the silver in question, but it appears inconsistent as to dates in that the affidavit is dated the 17th while delivery is stated to have been the 25th of November, 1921. If the affidavit is made consistent so as to properly evidence all facts in the case, to be materially as contained in the enclosure, same will be accepted for the purchase of 663 ounces silver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

The accompanying affidavit, also executed by Mr. Castleton as a middleman's supporting affidavit and stating the delivery of the same number of ounces of silver to your Murray plant is not understood. The other one appears to be that of a middleman furnished in lieu of miner's affidavit.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.
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March 16, 1922.

Special Chemicals Company Inc.,
Highland Park, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is voucher covering supplies furnished for our laboratory, as per copy of statement attached, with request that same be signed and returned to this office when it will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.
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March 16, 1922.

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter No. 15 of the 8th instant, I have pleasure in returning herewith your enclosure 43759 with figures inserted thereon as requested.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 16, 1922.

Mr. F. W. Hills, Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hills:

In connection with receipt of Mr. Lacey's report on cost records at the New York Assay office I wish to again assure you of my appreciation of both your co-operation and Mr. Lacey's assistance in this matter.

Will you kindly express to Mr. Lacey my thanks for his painstaking efforts and helpful reports on both the New York Assay office and Philadelphia Mint.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 16, 1922.

Accounting Department,
Scientific Materials Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, you are advised that the records of this office show settlement of a bill for $1.90 covering items of calcium chloride, $1.60, and hydrogen dioxide, $ .30, paid by Treasury Warrant issued on Auditor's Settlement #89545, dated February 25, 1922. If the enclosed statement covers other than items above mentioned please send detailed statement.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

DE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 16, 1922.

Hon. Hugh L Nicholls,
Chairman U S Grant Memorial Centuary Association
1012 Traction Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mints have not made proof coins for several years Will be unable to provide them in special coinage

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 17, 1922.

Mr. R. L. Garland,
Box 612,
Alliance, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 you are advised that assays of ore are made at the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. Five pounds of the material to be assayed should be forwarded to the above institution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1922.

Mr. Wm. F. Doornink,
Home Savings Bank,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 13 you are advised that 1,006,473 standard silver dollars of the new design, called Peace Dollars, were coined in 1921. The mints are now engaged in the coinage of this design which will be the only type of standard silver dollar executed in the future. The coinage of these Peace Dollars has continued uninterrupted since first struck in 1921.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1922.

Mr. F. L. Hoffman, Vice President and Statistician,
The Prudential Insurance Company,
Newark, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 15 you are advised that the first edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of this report as soon as the second edition is available for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Scanlan,
81 Harmon St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 15 you are advised that 657,002,610 standard silver dollars of the old design have been coined since 1878.

There are three coinage mints, located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1922.

Mr. W. A. James,

Bishopville, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 you are advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. I have this day placed your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of this report as soon as the second edition is available for distribution.

Respectfully,

F. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 17, 1922.

Dear Congressman Begg:

Your letter of March 15 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring as to the possibility of having a half dollar coined in honor of General Hayes whose 100th birthday will be celebrated on October 4, 1922, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying I have the honor to advise you that an act of Congress would be required to mint and issue coin of another denomination other than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Jas. T. Begg,
House of Representatives.

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March 17, 1922.

Doctor A. Z. Stangler, Commercial Attache,
Czechoslowak Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with request contained in your letter of the 15th instant, there are being forwarded under separate cover one copy each of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920 and June 30, 1921.

Am sorry it will not be possible to send the five copies of each as requested as the supply of these reports is almost exhausted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1922.

Mr. Vincent J. Stark,
4108 Bush Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of March 15 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. In reply you are advised that no change could be made in the twenty five cent piece without an act of Congress. Your interest in this matter, however, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1922.

Mr. A. P. Beers,
The New Jersey Zinc Company,
Asst. Gen. Mgr. Ore & Fuel Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 7, together with memorandum, and our conversation with Mr. Dwight Jones, I have to inform you that the silver mentioned in your memorandum cannot be accepted by the Government under the provisions of the Pittman Act upon the information submitted by you, inasmuch as the silver is shown by your statement to be a part of an admixture of foreign and domestic silver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 16, 1922.

Dr. W. E. Booker,
300 Main Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 15 relative to the coinage of Grant memorial pieces, you are advised that by act approved February 2, 1922 there was authorized the coinage of a fifty cent silver piece and a dollar gold piece to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant. The coins when issued will be distributed solely by the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 18, 1922.

Dear Senator Walsh:

Your letter of March 8 addressed to Honorable F. E. Scobey has been handed to me for attention. I am enclosing herewith copy of letter addressed to Honorable Henry L. Meyers, United States Senate, on the subject of silver in which Mr. Conway is interested. As soon as the information called for is received from Mr. Conway the matter will be taken up with him and I trust can be adjusted to his satisfaction.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Thomas J. Walsh,
United States Senate.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 20, 1922.

Mr. San Botkowsky,
3635 South Halsted Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 relative to the sale of gold to the Government, you are advised that the Mints and Assay Offices purchase gold scrap in amounts which approximate or exceed $100 in value. Such purchases are paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after deductions have been made for assaying and fitting for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 20, 1922.

Mr. S. G. Wantland,

Hessler, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of March 7 addressed to the Attorney General has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. You are advised that assays of ore are made at the United States Mint, New Orleans, at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined. About five pounds of the material to be assayed should be forwarded.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 20, 1922.

Mr. J. D. Nevins,
Acting Chief, Division of Customs,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Nevins:

Replying to your letter of March 16 in which you state that the Collector of Customs at San Antonio, Texas, has on hand four bars of silver bullion weighing approximately 50 pounds with an estimated value of about $400 which have been forfeited to the Government, I have to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco will be instructed to receive this silver.

At the present time the Department is not in the market for open purchases of silver bullion, but instructions will be forwarded in order that the Superintendent at the San Francisco Mint may receive this consignment. He will be instructed to remit to the Collector of Customs at San Antonio a check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1922.

Mr. J. M. Jones, Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Crewe, Va.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 9 in which you state that you are mailing a specimen of some kind of ore, I beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. However, a visual examination of this specimen indicates that this material has no particular commercial value. Assays of ore will be made at the United States Mint at New Orleans at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. Approximately five pounds of the material should be forwarded for assay.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1922.

Dear Congressman James:

I have your letter of March 14 enclosing a letter from Mr. D. W. Sutter of Lake Linden, Michigan, relative to a medal the value of which he wishes to procure. Mr. Sutter states that they pay about $100 for them there. If you will instruct Mr. Sutter to forward the medal to the United States Mint at Denver it will be purchased there and paid for after the exact value is determined by melt and assay and nominal charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. I must, however, suggest that in such cases as this it is frequently found that the actual value of the gold content is disappointing. The mint will, of course, remit for the correct value.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint.

Honorable W. Frank James,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 20, 1922.

Professor Ira B. Cross,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 13 requesting a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, you are advised that the first edition of this Report is entirely exhausted. Upon receipt of copies of the second edition, which has been requested, I will take pleasure in causing a copy of the Report to be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1922.

Mr. R. L. Hollingsworth,
7715 Nelson St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 17 you are advised that the Government does not smelt gold or silver. Regretting that we cannot be of service to you, I am,

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 20, 1922.

Mr. Amos E. Ayers,
c/o Jewett Brothers & Jewett,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 16 you are advised that the distribution of the Grant Memorial coins will be made by the U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Department has no knowledge as to the price these coins will bring.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1922.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., amounting to $60.10, covering the cost of 6 envelope embossing dies, Nos. 3959 to 3964 for the No. 5 Kenny machine. Receipt for the delivery of these dies is attached to the voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 -	$54.00
Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 -	6.10
	$60.10

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 21, 1922.

Manager,
Postal Telegraph-Cable Company,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Refer to your bill No.3629, amount $6.28, covering telegrams transmitted for this office during December, 1921. Sub-voucher No. 2, amount 30¢, was found to be payable by the Mint at New Orleans and has been forwarded to that office for settlement. Sub-voucher No. 3, amount 24¢, is herewith returned as records in this office indicate that settlement for this message was made by the Mint at Denver during January, 1922. Bill has been approved for $5.74, amounts mentioned above having been deducted from the original amount.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1922.

Manager Credits and Collections,
Western Union Telegraph Company,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith are sub-vouchers No. 12 and 21 to your bill No. 3975, amount $19.11, against this office for telegrams transmitted during December, 1921. The charges (.77) are payable by the Mint at San Francisco and bill covering them should be rendered to that institution. Your bill has been approved for $18.34, the charges for messages mentioned having been deducted from the original amount.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,

March 21, 1922.

Night

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company
San Francisco, California.

offer forty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Mk. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 21, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of March 20, of 130,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 22, 1922.

Hallgarten & Co.,
5 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of yesterday will state that under date of March 3rd, two (2) copies of the booklet "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" were forwarded in response to your request of March 1st.

Under separate cover an additional copy is being forwarded which it is trusted will meet your requirements.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 28, 1922.

Security Trust & Savings Bank,

Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 15, you are advised that the documents requested have been out of print for many years. I regret that we are unable to supply the same.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1922.

Mr. Abraham A. Clark,
1133 Chase St.,
Wellsburg, W. Va.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th relative to the transmutation of metals and beg to advise you that the Government will not be able to purchase your rights to the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 22, 1922.

Mrs. Laura Cardin Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Fraser:

On March 9 we forwarded to you a letter enclosing a check for $1,600, $1,500 of which was to cover the charge for making design, with the request that the extra $100 be forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia. Will you kindly advise the Bureau if you have received the check.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Dr. J. R. Williams,
388 Monroe Avenue,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I am returning herewith check enclosed in your letter of the 20th and have to advise you that the Presidential Medals are on sale at the Mint, Philadelphia. Sufficient postage to cover cost of mailing should be added to the cost of the medals when making remittance to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Check.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Mr. Frank M. Surface,
Special Agent, Bureau of the Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your communication of the 15th instant, I am giving below the quantity, in fine ounces, of unrefined domestic gold and silver received at the institutions of the United States Mint Service during each month from January 1921 to February 1922, inclusive:

	Domestic	
1921	Gold	Silver
January	66,664.466	207,038.46
February	66,322.398	241,727.68
March	70,775.199	271,645.24
April	71,303.473	257,535.74
May	67,051.738	149,619.98
June	63,821.070	159,519.93
July	88,474.317	178,474.24
August	93,128.390	160,239.09
September	56,250.790	294,436.65
October	128,642.735	266,375.80
November	99,379.202	263,314.54
December	90,387.591	295,932.67
	962,201.369	2,745,860.02
1922		
January	75,916.581	253,649.85
February	66,607.685	219,586.29
	142,526.266	473,236.14

As requested similar information will be forwarded as soon as available, about the 15th of the month following that for which the data are prepared.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Mr. George B. Conway,
50 Bailey Block,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, will state that the proposed affidavit form for use in lieu of miners affidavit, in the sale of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act in the case of silver produced from the slag dump situated at Glendale, Montana, will be acceptable to this office. In making sales supported by this form please inclose therewith a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey
Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1922.

Mr. F. W. Hills, Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter G-536 of the 14th instant, reference is made to letter of this office of the same date on the same subject.

Concerning the ruling requested in paragraph 6 of your letter, it is considered that the filing in support of sales, through misconstruction of method of application, of affidavits covering domestic silver on hand January 17, 1920, will have the effect of eliminating, for the purpose of supporting sales, affidavits of a later date for a like quantity. The question of how particular miners' affidavits which are filed with the Government will apply does not seem to be material, for, while the quantity of mixed silver which may be sold to the Government as domestic silver is determined basically by the quantity which can be supported by miners' affidavits, the actual amount saleable to the Government is necessarily smaller than the amount represented by the miners' affidavits in that it is necessary to consider the sales that are not made to the Government, at a price of $1 and over. The actual amount, therefore, to be sold to the Government is determined by the method of accounting established by the regulations, in conjunction with the miners' affidavits.

Respectfully,

J. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

A. Robinson & Sons,
3 Catherine St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 23, 1922.

Roessler & Hasslacher Chemical Co.,
100 William St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Phillips & Jacobs,
22 Face Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

J. J. Jackson Company,
156 Aster St.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Mr. Robert Henke,
175 Park Row,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

T. B. Hagstoz & Son,
709 Sansom Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Conley & Straight,
226 Eddy Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

H. K. & F. S. Benson,
Glen Ridge, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

Baker & Company, Inc.,
30 Church Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 25, 1922.

American Platinum Works,
231 New Jersey R. R. Avenue,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 23, 1922.

American Optical Company.
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 23, 1922.

Attleboro Refining Company,
36 Union Street,
Attleboro, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Since your reply to letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, has not yet been received I am enclosing herewith a copy of same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein, with request that you kindly give the matter your early attention, which will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

March 25, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

At the time that consideration was being given the recent amendment to the miners affidavit for support of sales of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, the basis for inclusion therein of the amount of silver for which settlement was made as well as the quantity contained in the parcels of ore being sold, was understood to be that this change would provide for the approximate 5 percent difference between content of the ore and quantity for which settlement was made.

In view of the above attention is invited to the following miners affidavits received by the Philadelphia Mint with your letter of December 28, 1921, and submitted to this office in the regular course of business; further information is requested before finally passing upon these affidavits:

Miners Name	Content of Ore	Quantity for which Settlement was made
Miami Copper Mining Co.	3,928.98 ounces	0 ounces
Iron Cap Copper Co.	46,046.57 "	41,441.92 "
Miami Copper Mining Co.	95,995.45 "	14,881.78 "
Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.	86,803.01 "	0 "
Inspiration Colsolidated Copper Co.	19,794.07 "	17,440.95 "
Iron Cap Copper Co.	20,867.61 "	15,750.25 "
Highland Mine	28.06 "	0 "

Respectfully,

F E Kelsey

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WR ITEN:

Washington,

March 23, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company
120 Broadway, New York. N.Y.

Offer one million ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Mx. Mint Bureau, 1922.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

March 25, 1922.

Mr. Chas J. Karger,
16 Post Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Karger:

I am returning herewith Mr. Rembold's letter and take pleasure in advising you that I have today written to the Philadelphia Mint and the San Francisco Mint authorizing the Superintendents of the respective institutions to supply Mr. Rembold with the coins he desires when application reaches them. I am very glad to comply with your request in this matter and will take pleasure in assisting in any way that I can at any time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1922.

Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Herewith find miners affidavit of the D. M. & Chance Mining Company owner of the New York & Volunteer Mine, covering 492 ounces silver sold to the United States under the terms of the Pittman Act, for correction to indicate the location of the mine. This affidavit accompanied your letter F-1015r of December 7, 1921, forwarding to the Philadelphia Mint miners' affidavits to a total of 1,001,235 ounces. Please return the correcated affidavit direct to this office.

Respectfully,

M McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

March 25, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find miners affidavit of the Richmond Eureka Mine, for a total of 1,279 ounces silver sold to the United States under the terms of the Pittman Act, for correction to include the name of the mine, its location and capacity in which the officer represents its principal. This affidavit accompanied your letter A-1831 of December 1, 1921, forwarding to the Philadelphia Mint miners' affidavits to a total of 364,951 ounces. When corrected please return the enclosure direct to this office.

Respectfully,

F. M. Sterrett
Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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March 24, 1922.

Mr. Richard Hoadley Tingley,
44 Broad Street, Room 307,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20 you are advised that no special report was made by Mr. Baker upon relinquishing the office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1922.

Mr. R. J. Heller,
1247 Webster Ave.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 19 making inquiry regarding the Illinois Centennial fifty cent coins, I would suggest that you address the State Treasurer, Springfield, Illinois.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1922.

Mr. J. T. Murphy,
Box 268,
Morgantown, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20 you are advised that in order to obtain a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.", application should be made to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. This publication is sold at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have none available for gratutious distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1922.

Mr. Edgar H. Bennett,
622 Insurance Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 you are advised that specimens of the Panama-Pacific coins may be obtained by applying to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco, Cal. The McKinley Memorial Association of Niles, Ohio, has charge of the distribution of the McKinley dollar. I am unable to advise you where you might obtain the other coins mentioned by you.

Application for current coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States.

The Mint at Philadelphia no longer makes proof coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1922.

Mr. Abe Neurell,
Route No. 5, Evans Road,
Marion, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of March 16 addressed to the Hon. Frank B. Willis has been referred to this Bureau for attention. You are advised that the gold to which you refer should be forwarded to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1922.

Mr. S. S. Daub, Jr.,
General Oil Gas Company,
511 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant relative to the installation of Dayton Oil Gas Apparatus in the Mint at Philadelphia and also in the Assay Office at New York.

I am planning to visit the respective institutions within a few days and will go over the matter with the Superintendents. I will then be in better position to go into the project with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1922.

Mr. F. C. Renaud,

Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the tin foil forwarded by you and have to advise that this material is not purchased by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1922.

Mr. J. F. Fraser,
Daytona Beach, Florida,
P. O. Box 165.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the stone forwarded by you and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The Mint of the United States at New Orleans makes assays of ore to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1922.

Mr. F. I. Mosley,
Box 1055,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the tin foil forwarded by you with the advice that this material is not purchased by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 25, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco California.

Offer forty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

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Director

BUSINESS.
INMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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March 25, 1922.

Mr. L. G. Carlton,

Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sir:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of letter I have today addressed to the Mint Service institutions relative to the acceptance of deposits of metal to which any suspicion attaches.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

Mexican dollar	$ .5074
British & Hongkong dollar .	.5037
Yuan dollar	.5018

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1922.

Mr. Isaac H. Smith,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have your letter of March 24 relative to the assignment of Mr. Wager to the Settlement at San Francisco. As far as I can tell at this time it will be practicable to give Mr. Wager this assignment. However, I shall be in New York within a few days and go over the matter with you more definitely.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

March 25, 1922.

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Ave.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of the 22nd relative to obtaining proofs of the Grant Memorial coins.

In reply I beg to advise you that it will be impracticable for us to prepare proofs of these coins. The process of proofing coins has been entirely abandoned at the Mint in Philadelphia, and we would not feel justified in preparing special blanks for a limited number of this special coinage.

Regretting that we cannot respond to your request, I am,

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1922.

Dear Congressman Towner:

Responding to your request of March 24 I have taken pleasure in this day forwarding to Mr. B. F. Emery, R.F.D. #2, Box 24, Thayer, Iowa, copy of a document giving information relative to coins, currency, bonds, etc., and have placed Mr. Emery's name on the mailing list for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint as soon as it is received from the printer. The first edition of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is entirely exhausted. A second edition is now being prepared.

Respectfully,

F E Test

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Horace M. Towner,

House of Representatives.

OR

March 27, 1922.

Ostbye & Anderson,
Suite 303 Lindley-Skiles Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of March 17, enclosing a package of scrap gold, has been delivered to this Bureau. The letter, together woth the metal, has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office New York, and the Superintendent of that institution requested to remit to you the value of your deposit, less the usual charges.

There is no place in Washington where such deposits are handled by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1922.

Mr. Harry Wilansky,
2045 W. Division Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your request for details regarding the process of testing and refining all precious metals, you are advised that the Government does not issue publications covering the subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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March 27, 1922.

Hon. Burton L. French,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman French:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 25 relative to a communication received by you from Mr. R. W. Leonard, Boise, Idaho, regarding assaying of ore by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise.

Assays of ores have been and are being made at all of the minor Assay offices of the Government. This work has been done for many years, and meets a public demand for government assays of ores in preference to assays by private concerns. We would not appear to be justified in depriving those in the vicinity of Boise of the benefit of the Government assays when such service is being rendered by the United States Assay Offices at Seattle, Helena, Salt Lake, Deadwood, Carson and New Orleans.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1922.

Hon. William B. McKinley,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator McKinley:-

Responding to your request of the 25th instant I have to-day communicated with Mr. Charles F. Vogel, Shelbyville, Illinois, relative to procuring a Peace Dollar of the coinage of 1921. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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March 27, 1922.

Mr. Charles F. Vogel,
Shelbyville, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of March 23, addressed to Honorable William B. McKinley, relative to procuring one of the 1921 "Peace Dollars" has been referred to this office for attention. If you will remit to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., the face value of the coin, together with postage to cover the cost of transmitting the same to you, one of the dollars you desire will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1922.

Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Please refer to your letter L-761 of March 24th. Herewith is being returned affidavit which accompanied said letter relative to 292 ounces of silver sold by the Apache Powder Company to the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company. With return of the enclosed affidavit form it is requested that a supporting affidavit by a representative of the Esmeralda Power Company, having knowledge of the facts, be forwarded, when further consideration will be given the case.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

March 28, 1922.

Eimer & Amend,
Third Avenue and 18th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter addressed to you under date of January 20, 1922, relative to a package of shears intended to be sent to Arthur Thomas Company, which it was assumed at the time had been sent to you. Will you please refer to the attached copy and advise this Bureau if the shears ever reached your office and if the same had been returned to the Arthur Thomas Company.

Respectfully.

Th M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Miss Hazel Guthrie,
Route No. 1,
Pleasant Hill, Ill.

Dear Miss Guthrie:

Replying to your inquiries of March 22, you are advised as follows:

The weight of a silver dollar is 371.25 grains of pure silver.

The weight of a gold dollar is 23.22 grains of pure gold.

The alloy in both the gold and silver coins is copper.

All of our coins are 900 per cent pure metal and 100 per cent copper alloy.

An ounce of pure gold is worth $20.67.

The current market price of silver is approximately 65 cents per fine ounce. This price changes from day to day.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. R. W. Hutter, Principal,
Centre School,
Malden, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 27, I take pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to admit groups of school children with their teachers to the Mint at Philadelphia. If you will present this letter upon your arrival at the Mint you will have no difficulty in being admitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. Henry Schneider, Asst. Vice President,
Fidelity Union Trust Company,
Newark, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 27 relative to the Grant Memorial coins, you are advised that the Act authorizing this coinage calls for 250,000 silver half dollars, and 10,000 gold dollars. When the coinage of these pieces is completed they will be delivered to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, which association will have sole charge of their distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

March 28, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of March 27, of 93,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. Herbert O. Shute,

Lower Cabot, Vt.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 24 you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars in circulation, both of which are legal. The Act of July 9, 1917 authorized a modification of the design of the quarter dollar for the purpose of improving the artistic merit of the coin, placing five stars on either side of the eagle and three stars below.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Trust Company of Wyoming County,

Warsaw, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 23 you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars in circulation, both of which are legal. The Act of July 9, 1917 authorized a modification of the design of the quarter dollar for the purpose of improving the artistic merit of the coin, placing five stars on either side of the eagle and three stars below.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. J. B. Brewton,
710 Steward Building,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21 you are advised that the Government purchases gold bullion at the rate of $20.67 an ounce, after deducting charges for fitting the deposit for coinage purposes, making payment by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States.

The Government is not in the market for platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. Fred Greenclay,
The Illini Hotel,
Alton, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21 you are advised that we are not allowed to dispose of coins manufactured for foreign countries, and I am unable to advise you where you could procure the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. Harold L. Marsch, Cashier,
The First National Bank of Peoria,
Peoria, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 24 you are advised that under the terms of the Pittman Act the Government is purchasing silver bullion mined and refined in the United States at $1.00 per ounce. The Government is not in the market for foreign silver. The price of foreign silver today is approximately 65 cents an ounce. The price varies from day to day.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1922.

Miles-Bement-Pond Company,

Ridgway, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 23 you are advised that the only $50 gold piece ever authorized by Congress was issued for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

The coinage of the $3.00 gold piece was discontinued September 26, 1890. The coinage of the $1.00 gold piece was also discontinued September 26, 1890. The $2.50 gold piece while not at present being coined is still of current issue. The gold coins now current are the $20.00, $10.00, $5.00 and $2.50 gold pieces.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Patrick,
608 13th St., North,
Great Falls, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21 you are advised that the Trade Dollar has only bullion value. For the six months after the recall of this piece they were received at face value at the Treasury. They have now only bullion value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. Wesley S. Saunders,
616 Pine Street,
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 25 you are advised that in the year 1612 $814,029.50 in half dollars were coined. I am unable to advise you as to the numismatic value of the piece, as the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. C. T. McDaniill,

Bird City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21 you are advised that the nearest Government Assay Office to Bird City is the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, La. Assays of ore will be made at that institution at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1922.

Mr. W. D. Cleaver,

Minneola, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 24 you are advised that the Grant memorial coins will be ready for distribution some time in April. Their distribution, however, will be handled entirely by the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. This association will also determine the price at which the coins are to be issued.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1922.

Mr. Norman Minkel,
1335 East Prince St.,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20 you are advised that the U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, has sole charge of the distribution of the Grant memorial coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1922.

Mr. Daniel J. McGee,
9686 Cascade Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your card of the 20th relative to the value of ore deposits taken from a certain mine in Baker County, Oregon, you are advised that this Bureau has no information covering the subject. I would suggest, as a possible source of information, that you address a letter to the Commissioner of the Land Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. McReelby

Acting Director of the Mint

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March 29, 1922.

Miss Pauline Lewis,
Box 113, West, Texas.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of March 25 I enclosing copy of Department Circular which contains information relative to coins and paper money. This is the only document issued by the Government covering the subject referred to in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1922.

Mrs. John Stalford,
Malvern Greenhouses,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the ten cent piece enclosed in your letter and regret to advise you that I am not able to supply you with a nickel, dated 1913, with the Liberty head on it. No nickels dated 1913 bearing the Liberty head were coined at the Mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
Regional Accounting Department,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your letter of March 7th, your file No. 58-GG-4P, regarding your bill No. C/12/149, amount 88¢, covering a shipment from Philadelphia to Washington, Nov. 30, 1920, on Government Bill of Lading No. 377123. In reply please be advised that the Philadelphia Mint informs us that this shipment covered 12 Medals which were forwarded to the Director of Gunnery Exercises and Engineering Performances, Room 3646, New Navy Building, Washington, D. C. to whom the original Bill of Lading was sent and by whom receipt of shipment was acknowledged December 2, 1920. The charges would therefore be payable by the Navy Department to whom the bill should be rendered direct.

Respectfully,

M. M. McCarthy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1922.

Hon. Addison T. Smith,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Smith:

Your letter of March 28, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and enclosing a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Northwest Mining Convention, Spokane, Washington, February 14 - 18, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I have the honor to state that all provisions of the Pittman Act are being carried out by the Department. Since May, 1920, the Director of the Mint has been purchasing silver of domestic origin at the rate of $1 per fine ounce, the amount fixed by the Act. Unless otherwise directed by Congress, such purchases will continue until the entire amount sold under the terms of the Act has been repurchased.

No amendment to the Act has ever been proposed or suggested by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1922.

Mr. J. F. Callbreath, Secretary,
The American Mining Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

We have your letter of March 27 relative to loss of gold by mine operators through theft of high grade ores and amalgam.

Under date of March 25 a letter was addressed to each of the officers of the Mint Service on this subject, and I am enclosing a copy for your information.

This office will, of course, cooperate in every way possible and utilize whatever means are at our disposal to avoid receiving stolen gold. The practice at the mints now is to require a statement covering the source of the bullion offered for sale and also the name of the owner. The letter recently forwarded to the mints were sent for the purpose of causing the officers in charge of the mint establishments to renew and continue their vigilance against receiving stolen metal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1922.

Mr. Bernard MacDonald,

Parral, Chih., Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 23 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith table of production of gold and silver in Mexico for the twenty years, 1901 to 1920 inclusive, the figures for 1921 being not yet available.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Production of Gold and Silver in Mexico 1901 to 1920.

	GOLD	SILVER	
Year	Value	Fine Ounces	Commercial Value
1901	$10,284,800	57,656,549	$ 34,593,900
1902	10,153,100	60,176,604	31,933,600
1903	10,677,500	70,499,942	38,070,000
1904	12,605,300	60,606,978	35,269,200
1905	16,107,100	65,040,865	39,674,900
1906	18,534,700	55,225,268	37,381,400
1907	16,681,100	61,147,203	40,357,200
1908	22,371,200	73,664,027	38,402,900
1909	23,642,900	73,242,432	38,450,100
1910	24,910,600	71,372,134	38,541,000
1911	24,880,100	79,032,440	42,677,500
1912	24,500,000	74,640,380	no figures
1913	19,308,600	70,703,828	42,705,100
1914	4,786,175	27,545,752	15,236,659
1915	6,559,275	39,570,151	20,533,743
1916	7,690,707	23,838,385	15,677,866
1917	9,000,000	31,214,000	27,944,333
1918	14,824,700	62,517,000	61,545,486
1919	15,676,565	65,904,224	73,870,068
1920	15,265,568	66,662,253	67,955,501

March 30, 1922.

Samuel Kirk & Son Co.,

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of gold bing forwarded by you. I am today forwarding this deposit to the United States Assay Office, New York, as there is no place in Washington where the Government purchases such material.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1922.

Mr. Arno B. Cammerer,
Fine Arts Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cammerer:

In accordance with your request I am enclosing herewith two Grant gold dollars, one with and one without the star, and four silver half dollars, two with and two without the star, for inspection by the Fine Arts Commission, it being understood that after the Fine Arts Commission has finished with the coins they will be returned to this Bureau to be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Wm M Reich

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your letter to this office dated November 2, 1921 regarding claim of Electric Heating Apparatus Company, Newark, N. J., in amount $122.48, payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint, 1921". Explanation of the item "Incoming expressage - $5.23" on proposal of above mentioned company dated June 29, 1921, is contained in their letter of March 30, 1922 attached to voucher herewith returned for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1922.

Mr. Edward Whitney,
In Charge of the Statistical Abstract,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter No. 15 of March 23rd, please find herewith your enclosure No. 3506 with figures inserted thereon as requested, concerning prices of silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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April 1, 1922.

Mr. L. A. Ferrin,
Cherokee County State Bank,
Meriden, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 15, addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency, the following is submitted in regard to the "rough edge on coins:-

The reeding on coins is for the protection of the coins against clipping. As clipping would be profitable only in case of the coins struck in the precious metals, the protective device of a reeding on the edge is employed only on the gold and silver coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of approximately 100,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1922.

Hon. John N. Garner,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Garner:-

I have your letter of March 31, referring to your letter of January 23, addressed to the former Director of the Mint, in which you enclosed a letter from Mr. Ned C. Bell, Huasteca Petroleum Co., Apartado #94, Tampico, Mexico.

I have caused the records of this Bureau to be looked up and find that a reply was sent to your letter on February 8, 1922, in which was enclosed a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, a table of coinage and Mr. Bell's letter. I am enclosing a copy of the letter of February 8, and will be glad to have duplicates of the enclosures sent to you if they have not yet reached you. Will you kindly advise me further.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Copy of former letter.

April 3, 1922.

Mr. Frank M. Sterrett,
The Sterrett Alfalfa Medicine Co.,
Troy, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Sterrett:

I have your letter of March 26 and have read it with deep interest.

I note what you say in regard to the statute which gives preference to veterans in appointments under Civil Service.

I hardly need assure you how much pleasure it would give me to arrange for your employment in the Civil Service, but I am prevented from doing so by the fact that a recent law enacted by Congress provides for the retirement of all Civil Service employees when they reach the age of 70, and necessarily deprives me of the opportunity to recommend the appointment of an applicant who has passed that age. If this were a regulation I would be able to at least make an effort in your behalf, but as it is a law I am, as you see, entirely without power to recommend your appointment.

I think it a matter of justice to you that I should be straightforward in this matter, and I am for that reason explaining plainly the exact situation in which I find myself in regard to your case.

Repeating my regret that I am without means of assisting you in this case, I am,

Very sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Navy Division.

Gentlemen:

The following bills of the Philadelphia Mint against the Marine Corps were forwarded to them on the dates indicated, with request for settlement. To date no notices of settlement covering these bills have been received. It is requested that steps be taken to expedite the settlement of all bills that the amounts may be available for use as soon as possible. Information is requested as to the prospects for early settlement of the bills enumerated, especial attention being invited to bill forwarded July 26, 1921. This bill has been outstanding over 8 months and should be settled without further delay, unless further information is desired to properly indentify it.

Date forwarded to Marine Corps.		For what.	Amount.
1921			
July 26	1000	Good Conduct Medals	$ 650.00
1922			
Feb. 20	500	Good Conduct Medals	325.00
20	500	" " "	325.00
20	500	" " "	325.00
20	500	" " "	325.00
20	500	" " "	325.00
20	1	Brevet Medal	3.25
20	2	" "	6.50
Mar. 1	500	Good Conduct Medals	325.00
1	500	" " "	325.00
			$2,934.75

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1922.

Mr. Fred Smith,
205 West Henderson St.,
Cleburne, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of March 27 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau. A visual examination of the material forwarded by you would indicate that it is pyrites and has no special commercial value. I am returning herewith the specimens enclosed.

Respectfully,

F. Ekeley

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1922.

Mrs. Katharine B. Hampton,
100 Montgomery Ave.,
Ashland, Ky.

Madam:

I have your letter of March 27 stating that you had seen in a local paper an advertisement for a five cent piece made in 1905. I have to advise you that the Department is not advertising for five cent pieces of the year indicated, does not pay premiums on any issue of coins, and does not issue a list of coin dealers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OK

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April 3, 1922.

Mr. John Montgomery,
3021 Elliott Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 28 you are advised that the Government issues a publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." This book contains a description of the various coins of the United States, and may be obtained at a cost of $1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. I regret that we have no copies available for gratuitous distribution.

The Grant Memorial coins will be issued in one dollar gold pieces and fifty cent silver pieces. These may be obtained by making application to the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Treasury Department will not handle the distribution.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1922.

Stoddard Milling Co.,
Stoddard, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, requesting data from which to prepare the final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921.

Since your replyto the enclosed letter has not yet reached this office, I am enclosing herewith an additional copy of form upon which to make report, with request that the matter be given as early consideration as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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April 3, 1922.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, requesting data from which to prepare the final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921.

Since your reply to the enclosed letter has not yet reached this office, I am enclosing herewith an additional copy of form upon which to make report, with request that the matter be given as early consideration as practicable.

Respectfully,

F. E. Keeley

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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April 3, 1922.

International Minerals & Metals Corporation,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, requesting data from which to prepare the final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921.

Since your reply to the enclosed letter has not yet reached this office, I am enclosing herewith an additional copy of form upon which to make report, with request that the matter be given as early consideration as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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April 3, 1922.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.,
12 Ashburton Place,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, requesting data from which to prepare the final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921.

Since your reply to the enclosed letter has not yet reached this office, I am enclosing herewith an additional copy of form upon which to make report, with request that the matter be given as early consideration as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

April 3, 1922.

Woodbury Cyanide Plant,
Silver City, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of this office dated February 2, 1922, requesting data from which to prepare the final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921.

Since your reply to the enclosed letter has not yet reached this office, I am enclosing herewith an additional copy of form upon which to make report, with request that the matter be given as early consideration as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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April 4, 1922.

Miss Florence Coffin,
Fletcher American National Bank,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Madame:

I am returning herewith the dime enclosed in your letter of March 31 and beg to advise you that no dimes have been coined, or are likely to be coined, during the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly file the enclosed miner's affidavit covering 1,279 ounces silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act with the accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Freas Styer, for the quarter ended December 31, 1921, said affidavit forming one of a number of affidavits totaling 364,951 ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

OR

April 4, 1922.

Mr. Anthony de Francisci,
24 West 60th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

With reference to your memorandum of January 27 covering your expense account for December 15, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 28, on account of visits to the Philadelphia Mint in connection with preparation of the die for the Standard silver dollar, I beg to request that this account be revised by you for the purpose of considering the elimination of taxi fares.

In the opinion of this office it would be difficult to have this account approved on account of the numerous taxi cab charges, particularly those from point to point in New York City. If you will kindly revise this account and forward to this Bureau with charges for your car fare, subsistence expenses, and absolutely necessary traveling expenses, the account will be submitted to the authorities for further consideration.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Company,
16-34 Nesbitt St.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

With reference to Audit No. 90,033 dated April 3, 1922, of the General Accounting Office, whereon is noted the disallowance of a portion of your claim, disallowance being $3.23 incoming expressage, I am enclosing herewith memorandum copy of Government bill of lading (#47429) issued May 25, 1921, upon which the shipment in question was made, with request that since the original of this bill of lading is outstanding and may be used as a voucher to support a claim of the carrier, that you take up with the American Railway Express Company the question of submitting the original bill of lading for your accomplishment when it will support their claim for reimbursement and when they will be in position to refund to you the expressage paid and disallowed by the Accounting Office.

It is requested that in case the original bill of lading is accomplished you return the memorandum copy herewith enclosed to this office. If the original bill of lading cannot be located by the Express Company their written statement to this effect together with the enclosed memorandum bill of lading should be returned to this office for further action.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1922.

Mr. Walter Harvey Weed, E.M.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Volume 14 of the Mines Handbook published in 1920 is the latest issue of this publication which has been received by this office. Will you kindly advise whether volume 15 has been issued and if so, please forward a copy; will you also please record a standing order of this office for the regular issues of Mines Handbook as issued, subject, however, to the making of the usual annual appropriation by the Congress for purchase of publications by the Mint Bureau.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1922.

Hon. Samuel B. Nicholson,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Nicholson:

Referring to your personal call at this office today, and to the letter of Mr. E. A. Colburn of the Mine Owners Association, Denver, Colorado, relative to the recent order of this Bureau in regard to the safeguarding owners of bullion from the operations of highgraders, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of a letter written this day to each of the officers in charge of the eastern establishments of the mint service on this subject.

I expect the letter to the respective officers to have the effect of renewing the vigilance expected to be maintained by the mints and assay offices against receiving stolen bullion, and to cause the apprehension of other than legitimate depositors at the mints. I shall be glad to have the mints and assay offices assist in every possible manner in overtaking infraction of the law in the matter of bullion sales.

Respectfully,

F. E. Kearney

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1922.

Miss Frances Angier,
507 Church Street,
Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dear Miss Angier:

Replying to your letter of March 30 relative to the subject of the model for the standard silver dollar, you are advised that the the model is a conventional head, no one in particular being portrayed on the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message. April 2, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Your offer one hundred twenty-three thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Mint Philadelphia under terms Pittman Act.

Scobey
Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

April 5, 1922.

American Bureau of Metal Statistics,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your report (Silver 18) of April 4th, concerning the silver production of the world in 1920 and 1921 has been reviewed with interest.

With reference to the considerable difference between the indicated Australasian production for the two years, 1,470,460 ounces in 1920 and 5,408,551 ounces in 1921, will state that the information available to this office is to the effect that the usual Australian reports do not include silver mined in New South Wales but exported and smelted abroad. The Annual Report of the Department of Mines gives New South Wales' production for 1919 - 5,866,947 ounces. While the corresponding 1920 figures are not yet available to this office it seems reasonable to presume that the Australasian output during that year was considerably larger than the 1,470,460 ounces given in your report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

Mr. Ed. Prewett,
Route #3, Box 19,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 29 you are advised to forward about five pounds of the material referred to by you to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the specimen.

Respectfully,

F E Leeb

Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1922.

Mr. Stewart Campbell,
Inspector of Mines,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letters of March 25 and 29 requesting copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for certain specified years, I take pleasure in advising you that a copy of the Report for each year now in stock in the Bureau has been forwarded to you. In some instances we have taken rare editions in order to close up your file as far as possible. We regret that we cannot supply you with the entire number requested.

Respectfully,

J. E. Worley

Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In making examination of reports covering sources of silver received by various concerns it is noted that the United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company report receipts as listed below, from Garfield Smelting Company, a subsidiary of the American Smelting & Refining Company; these receipts are carried in the column indicating production from United States mines and thus increase the amount salable by them as domestic silver, under the terms of the Pittman Act. Will you please advise whether miner's affidavits have been supplied by you to the United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company to cover these items, also whether same appear in the reports of the American Smelting & Refining Company as having been sold to the United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company, and if so where they may be found. The United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company's receipts from the Garfield Smelting Company to include June 1921 are as follows:

November 1920	-	545.58 ounces
December 1920	-	590.44 "
February 1921	-	1,108.67 "
March 1921.	-	1,488.12 "
April 1921	-	201.66 "

The March 1920 report of your Pueblo Plant carries indication of receipt from the American Metal Company of 3,289 ounces silver as having been produced from domestic mines; has the American Metal Company furnished you miner's affidavits in support of this item and, if so, please inform me as to the name of the mine and its location.

Your Pueblo Plant has reported receipts during the months of May and July 1920 of silver which has been classified as domestic, from the Manitoba L. Company. As this office has no information concerning this concern will you please advise if it is a domestic mining company and if so where the mine is located.

It is also noted that receipts from the Aspen Sampling Company are reported by your Pueblo Plant for May 1920 and other months as from domestic mines while your Arkansas Valley Plant reports their source as unknown or foreign.

The May report of your Tacoma Plant carries an item of 15 ounces silver received from the United States Assay Office, which item is classified as from mines located in the United States. Presumably this is from sweeps and if so it seems unlikely that it would be supported by miners affidavits and probably was erroneously classified as being from domestic mines.

Your June report of the Perth-Amboy Plant carries an item of 133.46 ounces silver received from Bethlehem Steel Company as having been produced by mines located in the United States; further information is desired concerning this item, with indication of the name of the mine and its location. Other similar items from the same concern are:

73.35 ounces for July 1920
257.77 " " August 1920
114.20 " " September 1920.

Your El Paso Plant has reported for the month of August 1920, receipt of 111 ounces silver from the Douglas Assay Office of Douglas, Arizona, as having been produced from mines located in the United States; since this city is located very close to the Mexican border information is requested as to whether the item has been or can be supported by affidavits evidencing production from domestic mines. A similar item, about which the same information is requested, is that of 616 ounces reported in March 1920 by your El Paso plant as having been received from the First National Bank of Nogales, Arizona.

The October 1920 report of your Baltimore plant carries an item of 7.40 ounces silver received from the International Nickel Company, classified as having been produced from mines located in the United States. Is this item supportable or has it been supported by miners' affidavits and if so please advise as to the name of the mine and its location.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

Irvington Smelting & Refining Works,
Irvington, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find miner's and reducer's affidavit covering 48,828 fine ounces silver produced by the Pittsmont Copper Company and refined by your concern. The silver in question will be purchased by the United States, under the terms of the Pittman Act, and should be forwarded to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, together with the affidavits and a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

J. E. Kelley

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

April 5, 1922.

Mr. George Brenman,
1325 3rd Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 2nd you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars, the difference being in the arrangement of stars. An act of Congress authorized the alteration from the type bearing the stars on each side of the eagle to that which bears the stars on the sides and at the bottom. This was done to improve the artistic merit of the coin. Both types are legal.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1922.

Mr. John Pierpont,
Epping, N.H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3rd you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars, the difference being in the arrangement of the stars. An Act of Congress authorized the alteration from the type bearing the stars on each side of the eagle to that which bears the stars on the sides and at the bottom. This was done to improve the artistic merit of the coin. Both types are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1922.

Mr. E. T. Peters,
26 Drummond St.,
Chevy Chase, Md.

Sir:

Responding to your request of March 28 I have taken pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, just issued.

In reference to your request for a statement of the annual production of gold in Alaska for a series of years, I suggest that a file of the Reports of the Director of the Mint, which is available at the Congressional Library, would give you that information perhaps in a more satisfactory form than that which may be compiled separately. If we can be of further assistance to you please advise us.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1922.

Arthur H. Thomas Company,
West Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of March 24 in which you state that on January 26 you gave us shipping instructions for the return of three pairs of shears supplied on your order #77858, I beg to enclose herewith for you information copy of letter received from Elmer and Amend under date of April 1, responding to an inquiry from this Bureau, in which it is stated that the package of shears, originally intended to be sent to you, had been mailed by them on February 1.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 6, 1922.

Mr. Carl A. Johnson,
Johnson Candy Company,
Moorehead, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30 requesting the coinage of the different mints during the calendar year 1921, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a table giving this information.

Respectfully,

F E Kirby

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

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April 6, 1922.

Miss Maud Hardesty,

Centreville, Md.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of April 1 making inquiry as to publications with reference to emblems and mottoes on coins, you are advised that the only publication of this kind is that entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." This volume may be had at $1.00 a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

The one cent piece contains 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc. The weight of the one cent piece is 48 grains. The silver dollar contains 371.25 grains of pure silver.

I am enclosing herewith circular giving information relative to coins, bonds, etc., which may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

Miss Sophia Serafin,
Hardin, Montana.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of April 1, 1922, you are advised that there were no Liberty head nickels coined in the year 1913.

Respectfully,

E. Roberts
Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

Mr. F. Y. Robertson,
Vice President, U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In making examination of the reports of your company covering source of receipts of silver it is noted that during the month of April 1920, receipt is indicated from the United States Metals Refining Company of 5,102.24 ounces silver as having been received from mines located in the United States. Since the United States Metals Refining Company is not a mining concern information is requested as to whether this item has been properly classified and, if so, whether the United States Metals Refining Company have furnished miners' affidavits in support of same, with indication of the name and location of the mine in which produced.

Respectfully,

J. E. Foley

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am forwarding memorandum voucher, the original of which was forwarded March 13, 1922, in regular course of business to the General Accounting Office, Treasury Department Division, for settlement, chargeable to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1921" and approved for payment in the sum of $12.58.

Telephone inquiry from your office elicits the information that you have no record of the bill and that it cannot be located; search in this office and inquiry elsewhere fails to locate same and I am therefore requesting that settlement be made on the enclosed memorandum voucher.

The appropriation chargeable is for the year 1920 instead of 1921 as indicated on the original voucher.

Respectfully,

L. O. Fenby

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

April 6, 1922.

Mr. Louis F. Hartman,
1700 Sycamore Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

At the request of Honorable Nicholas Longworth I have caused to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, together with a copy of Department Circular giving information relative to coins, bonds, etc.

The pamphlet entitled "Mint Processes" which was issued several years ago, is out of print. The information contained in the pamphlet named is now obsolete as far as coinage processes, and no similar publication has been issued.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

Mr. S. S. Daub, Jr.,
295 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 5 and to previous correspondence with this Bureau regarding the proposed installation of the Dayton Apparatus in the New York Assay Office, I find upon investigation that the present state of the coutingent fund of the New York Assay Office would not permit us to undertake the installation of this apparatus during the current fiscal year. It will therefore be impossible for us to further consider this proposal at the present time.

Respectfully,

F. E. Feley

Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 6, 1922.

Mr. William Chauncy Langdon,
Room 307, 195 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of April 5, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the Grant Half Dollar, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

In view of your commendation of the work of our medallists, Aitken, Brenner, Fraser, Weinman, it may be of interest to you to know that the Grant Memorial coins were designed by Mrs. James E. Fraser, the pupil and wife of Mr. Fraser, and also that the designs for the piece were not approved by the Secretary until they had received the approval of the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1922.

Dear Congressman Garner:

In response to your request of the 5th instant I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, together with tables giving the coinage for 1920 and 1921.

The coinage for the calendar year 1919 has been added to the printed table on page 130 of the Report.

Respectfully,

F E Kunz

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John N. Garner,
House of Representatives.

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April 7, 1922.

Mr. L. M. Pearsall,

New Smyrna, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3 you are advised that if you will forward about five pounds of the material described by you to the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, La., an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1922.

Mr. J. C. Bratt,
Route 81,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 4 you are advised that application for the Grant Memorial coins should be addressed to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Patrick,

Great Falls, Mont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3 you are advised that the present bullion value of the trade dollar is approximately 48 cents. This varies slightly from day to day with the price of silver. It is also to be remembered that in melting a trade dollar to determine its value a slight loss occurs in that process, and furthermore if the coin has been worn or mutilated and is not up to full weight it will not yield the same value as an unmutilated piece.

I would suggest that you forward the coin to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1922.

Mr. S. C. Jarrell,

Winifrede, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 4 you are advised that the present bullion value of the trade dollar is approximately 48 cents. This varies slightly from day to day with the price of silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

On April 5 this office signed a charge slip for package containing a plaster cast sent from the United States Mint at Philadelphia to this office. Bill of lading No. 377500 was received subsequent to the delivery of the package, and I shall thank you to return the charge slip for cancellation and receive the completed bill of lading.

Respectfully,

F E Kosey

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1922.

Mr. Wm. H. Hoag,
Broadway Hotel,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of March 31 addressed to the Governor of the State of Massachusetts has been referred to this office for attention.

You are advised that 100,053 Pilgrim half dollars were issued in 1921. There is but one type of coin issued for this memorial.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1922.

Mr. Herman A. MacDonald,
Secretary to the Governor,
State House, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In response to your request of April 4 I have taken pleasure in advising Mr. William H. Hoag of Denver, Colorado, of the number of Pilgrim Tercentenary half dollars issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1922.

Mr. George F. Morgan, Engraver,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I have arranged an appointment for you with the President on next Sunday from one to three P.M. Please be at the White House at one o'clock and state to the doorman that you have an engagement with the President.

Very truly yours,

G E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1922.

Director Bureau of Standards,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter received this day from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, together with sample of polishing material, which the Superintendent requests shall be analysed to determine the proportion of abrasive the proportion of graphite and the fineness of both contained in the sample. I shall appreciate your courtesy in assisting us in this matter.

Respectfully,

F Peter

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1922.

Mr. Dutch Lyles,

Romia, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the stones forwarded with your letter of March 1, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such material is purchased by the Government, and I am unable to advise you as to the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 8, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining anc Concentrating Company

San Francisco California.

Offer sixty two thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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April 7, 1922.

The Director of the Mint,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The following assays of gold leaf submitted by the Government Printing Office has been made here:

Order #5562 3/8" xx ribbon gold	22.48 carats	fine
" 5563 1 book xx gold	22.456 "	"

The above assays are the result of only one determination on each sample, the amount submitted being insufficient for check assays and entirely too small for representative samples on which to obtain accurate and reliable results.

A sample of this class of material, to contain sufficient quantity to be operated upon, should weigh at least .20 ounces. The total weight of both the above samples was approximately one fortieth of this amount.

Scrap is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

F. J. Lisle.

Assayer.

Respectfully referred to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

April 8, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of April 7, of 115,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

By [illegible]

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1922.

Mr. John T. Walsh,
1012 Tenth St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8 regarding memorial coins of Missouri and Maine, you are advised that application for the Missouri coins should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. Distribution of the Maine coins is made through the State Treasurer, State of Maine, Augusta, Me.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

2—6736

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 10, 1922.

American Smelting Refining Company
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer one million five hundred thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Mint Philadelphia under terms Pittman Act.

Scobey

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bur'eau 1922.
2—6736 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

2—6738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
April 11, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer forty three thousand ounces silver accepted San Francisco under terms Pittman Act

Scobey Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—6738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

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April 11, 1922.

Mr. Stuart Phelps Dodge,
Colorado Springs Gazette,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 5 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, you are advised that the medal you describe is a copy of that issued during the early history of the country, commonly known as the "Indian Peace Medal". This medal was usually presented to the chiefs of Indian tribes at the conclusion of a treaty or for some friendly act. Duplicates of this medal in bronze are sold at the Mint in Philadelphia at $1.00 each. It is probable that the medal described in your letter is one of the original issues.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

April 11, 1922.

Mr. J. G. Roberts,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
79 West Monroe Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 5 I beg to advise you that Department Circular No. 22 has been issued to us in limited number, and it will not be practicable for us to supply you with a large number. I take pleasure, however, in enclosing herewith five copies of the circular.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 11, 1922.

Mr. J. S. Wood,
222 Bay St., East,
Savannah, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 7 you are advised that the coins issued for the Columbian Exposition in 1892 and 1893 have no numismatic value, a number of the coins being in circulation.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1922.

The Merchants and Farmers Bank,

Blanchester, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 10 I beg to advise you that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." may be obtained at $1.00 a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1922.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 21 relative to a report submitted to you by the Supervising Superintendent of Construction of your office under date of February 16, 1922, in regard to an investigation as to space requirements in the Federal building at Helena, Montana, and quoting in your letter an excerpt from the report of the Supervising Superintendent of Construction, I beg to state that a letter was addressed by this Bureau to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of his reply. I concur in the recommendations made by the Assayer in Charge of the Helena office.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

April 11, 1922.

Dear Congressman Snyder:

Replying to your letter of April 6 I take pleasure in advising you that the U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, has sole charge of the distribution of the Grant memorial coins. None of these coins will be received at the Treasury Department for distribution.

Very truly yours,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
Little Falls, New York.

April 11, 1922.

Mr. C. A. Davies,
The Lunkenheimer Company,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 7 you are advised that proof coins are no longer made at the Mints.

I am unable to advise you of methods for preventing uncirculated proof coins from tarnishing.

Replying to your inquiry as to books or booklets on numismatics I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York, N.Y.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

GR

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April 11, 1922.

Mr. E. L. Baird,
Kingston, New Mexico.

Sir:

At the request of Honorable Charles Curtis, United States Senate, the following information relative to the sale of silver to the Government is submitted to you:-

The only silver bullion now being purchased by the Government is that which comes under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918, a copy of which is enclosed. To be acceptable to the Government silver bullion must be shown to be of domestic origin, and from domestic reduction works. No foreign silver can be purchased. Offers of silver are made to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, and he indicates the mint to which the silver shall be delivered. The bullion must be sent prepaid to the Mint named by him. One dollar an ounces is paid for silver 1000 fine, after the value of a deposit is determined by melt and assay at the Mint. Sworn affidavits must accompany the silver, showing that the miner has received the equivalent of $1 per fine ounce, that the silver is of United States origin, and that it has been treated in United States reduction works. A copy of the regulations covering all purchases of silver by the Government under this Act is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

F. E. Keeley
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

April 11, 1922.

Honorable Charles Curtis,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Curtis:

Your letter of April 10, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I have to-day written a letter to Mr. E. L. Baird, Kingston, New Mexico, stating the position of the Department in regard to the purchase of silver at the present time.

A copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Baird is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

April 11, 1922.

Mr. Anthony de Francisci,
24 West 60th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

This letter will confirm verbal authority given to you to visit this Bureau under date of December 15, 1921, also to visit the United States Mint at Philadelphia on December 19, 21, 22, 23 and 28, 1921, for the purpose of assisting the engraver in the alteration of the design for the Peace Dollar. Will you please render an account on the enclosed form of voucher and payment of your expenses will be made from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 12, 1922.

Mr. E. O. Jones,
1503 Electric St.,
Scranton, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10 relative to the amount of gold in a dollar, you are advised that the standard unit in this country is the dollar of 23.22 grains of pure gold, which, when manufactured into coin, weighs 25.8 grains, the difference being copper added to the pure metal in order to harden the coin and prevent it from wearing away quickly, pure gold being too soft for coinage. A dollar in gold when it leaves the mint contains exactly $1.00 worth of gold or 23.22 grains of the pure metal. There is no charge for the coinage of gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. C. C. Martin,
32 Burling Slip,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10 you are advised that you name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the second edition of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint which is now in course of preparation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1922.

Col. H. C. Smither,
Chief Coordinator, General Supply,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your memorandum of March 31 in which you state that the Secretary of War has been authorized to transfer, without funds, to the Treasury Department 76.3360 troy ounces of iridium, and stating further that the authorization was granted under the assumption that the Treasury Department desired and had need for metals of the platinum group, I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office reports that his office is called upon to manufacture and repair platinum ware for various Government Departments, and that inasmuch as his stock of iridium is low he would be glad to have the iridium transferred to him.

I would therefore be obliged if you would cause directions to be given to have the iridium forwarded to the "Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York City," it being understood that the same is to be transferred to that institution free of charge for the metal.

Respectfully,

F E Leslie

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1922.

Mr. Clinton B. Dodge,

Great Bend, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10 you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollar in circulation. The original issue of the present design divided the stars on each side of the eagle, and an Act of Congress authorized a change for the purpose of making the coin more artistic, by placing three stars below the eagle. Both these types are, of course, legal.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1922.

Mr. E. C. Watson,
Luning, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of April 5 addressed personally to the former Director, Hon. R. T. Baker, has been by him referred to me for attention. I have caused the records of this Bureau to be placed before me and have gone carefully over your letter of February 25, together with the reply from this Bureau dated March 7 to which you refer in your letter of April 5, relative to the substitution of foreign silver for domestic silver in purchases under the Pittman Act.

I am glad to have the opportunity to further reassure you that the Government is doing everything possible to protect its interests and the interests of the miners in order that they may receive the full benefit of the provision of the Act of April 23, 1918. All purchases of silver must be covered by affidavits that the miner has received the equivalent of $1.00 a fine ounce for his silver. It would therefore appear to be clear that the smelters and refiners are not benefiting under this Act. The sworn statements from the miner that he has received this price and from the smelters, refiners and reduction works that they have paid this price are on file in this Department and cover every single purchase made. Abstracts of the books of the smelting and refining companies showing every transaction on foreign and domestic silver are also frowarded to this Bureau, so that every possible check is employed to protect us from purchasing other than the amount of domestic silver actually covered by miners' affidavit as being of domestic origin.

The estimated production of silver in the United States, by the Geological Survey and this Bureau, was estimated for the calendar year 1921 to have been 50,364,389 ounces. The estimated production for 1920, the first year in which silver purchases were started by the Government, was 55,361,575 fine ounces, and the total purchases of silver by the Government from May, 1920, to December, 1921, amounted to 88,000,000 ounces.

In regard to your question as to whether the rumor to which you refer, that the Government is purchasing more than the domestic production of silver, is true or false, I am unable to advise you. If you have knowledge of any specific case which you consider to be of sufficient importance to get evidence of their being fraud practised upon the Government and will

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advise this Bureau, I shall be glad to follow up your specific charge.

Assuring you that this Bureau will at all times be very glad to receive suggestions and assistance from you, I am,

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1922.

Mr. J. D. Bjorkman, Asst. Cashier,
The Commercial National Bank,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Your letter of April 10 addressed to the Treasury Department has been delivered to this Bureau. Your letter has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States as he is the officer who has charge of the distribution of coins.

I may say for your information that it has been the policy of the Department to refrain from paying out new coins, but on account of the special occasion, such as your twenty-fifth anniversary, it is probable the Treasurer will accede to your request by supplying you with a limited number of new standard silver dollars, the only silver coins being manufactured, or to be manufactured, during the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1922.

Judge Hugh L. Nichols, Chairman,
U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Judge Nichols:

This Bureau is in receipt of numerous inquiries in regard to the rate at which the Grant Memorial coins are being distributed by your association. With a view to being of service to your association in facilitating the sale of the coins I should be glad to be advised of the terms upon which the coins are being offered to the public.

Respectfully,

J E Zerby

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1922.

Mr. Ernest E. Roberts,

Box 588, Moberly, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8 relative to the type of letter "u" on the new dollar, you are advised that this type of letter is frequently used by artists. You will observe that the same type of letter "u" is used on the quarter dollar.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FR

April 13, 1922.

Dear Congressman Sinnott:

Replying to your letter of April 11 relative to the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, I take pleasure in advising you that it has not been discontinued. The Boise office is still operating and purchasing gold.

Respectfully,

F E Keisling

Director of the Mint.

Hon. N. J. Sinnott,

House of Representatives.

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April 13, 1922.

Mr. Frank M. Surface, Special Agent,
Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reply to your letter of March 27, 1922, concerning gold and silver production, has been delayed pending receipt of the second edition of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, the first edition having been exhausted.

Under separate cover is being forwarded a copy of the Annual Report of the Director for the fiscal year 1921 and for the calendar year 1920. Attention is invited to data on pages 57 to 71 inclusive concerning the production and consumption of gold and silver in the United States. Annual figures only are available for years prior to 1921; monthly figures for 1921 have previously been forwarded you.

If fiscal year data concerning mint receipts are desired same may be found on pages 86 to 91, inclusive, of the report which is being forwarded.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1922.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $10.02, covering proof gold furnished on your Order No. 3772-M, dated March 22, 1922. Receipt for the delivery of the gold is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1922.

Chief, Division of Printing and Stationery,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of April 7 relative to letterheads as delivered by the Public Printer to this Bureau, I beg to state that the present method of tying letterheads in packages of approximately 2000 sheets by the use of cardboard and twine is entirely satisfactory to this office, and it would be of no advantage to this Bureau and would effect no saving of letterheads to have the sheets wrapped in packages at the Government Printing Office before delivery.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1922.

Mr. Jesse Stinson,
R.F.D. No. 1, Box 10,
Catawba, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 11 relative to certain ores you desire to have assayed, I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1922.

Mr. J. G. Roberts,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 5 and to letter of this Bureau Dated April 11 regarding a supply of Circular 22, I now take pleasure in advising you that it is possible for us to forward 150 additional copies for the use of your bank.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.
OR

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April 15, 1922.

Mr. A. H. Haill, Asst. Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 12 addressed to the Undersecretary of the Treasury and by him referred to this Bureau for attention, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith 200 copies of the Department Circular 22 for the use of your bank. Although the edition of this circular is rather small it will be possible for us to spare the number requested by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1922.

Mr. A. E. Fletcher,
Fletcher, West Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 12 you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ores are made for the public by the Government. If, however, you will forward about five pounds of the ore you describe to the United States Mint, New Orleans, an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and for each other metal determined $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

J. E. Lesley

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1922.

Hon. Allen T. Treadway,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Treadway:-

Your letter of April 7, addressed to the Bureau of the Census, and to the Geological Survay, has been referred to this Bureau. I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Miss Kathryn D. O'Connor, Holyoke, Massachusetts, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and have advised her that the Report has been sent at your request.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1922.

Miss Kathryn O'Connor,
145 Sargeant Street,
Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Madam:

At the request of Hon. Allen T. Treadway I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which is a comprehensive presentation of the production of gold and silver in the United States and the world.

Respectfully,

J. E. Leeb

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1922.

Mr. F. C. Frank,
Chief, Federal Official Division,
National Surety Company,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 you are advised that Mr. Floyd B. Huger, formerly a clerk in the United States Assay Office New York, resigned from the service January 14, 1922.

Respectfully,

J. E. Leeb

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1922.

U.S. Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of April 15 of 102,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1922.

Mr. G. F. McCoy,
Fountain, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith photographs of the Peace Medal enclosed in your letter of April 8.

In the early history of the country what are known as "Peace Medals" were presented to the Chiefs of the Indian tribes at the conclusion of a treaty of peace or for some friendly act. It is presumed that the medal, copy of which you enclosed, is one of these. They were usually made in silver and bronze. I am unable to advise you of the value of the medal you possess. Copies of the medal in bronze are made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the medal is one of a series of what is known as Presidential Medals. They are sold at $1.00 apiece and are made of all of the Presidents from Washington to President Harding.

Respectfully,

J. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 17, 1922.

Dear Senator Myers:

Replying to your letter of April 12 relative to Grant Memorial coins, I beg to advise you that the bill authorizing the issue of $10,000 in gold and $250,000 in silver half dollars was approved February 2, 1922.

The coins are turned over to the U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, at face value. I am today advised by Judge Hugh L. Nichols, Chairman of that Association, that the coins are being disposed of on the following basis:

"Grant Gold dollar with star	$3.50 each
Grant Dollars without star	3.00 "
Grant silver halves with star	1.50 "
Grant silver halves without star	1.00 "

"In order to dispose of the larger quantity of the silver coins we have been requiring each purchaser of the gold coins to take some of the silver also, at a ratio, in the case of banks and coin dealers (In the East) of 15 to 1; in the case of individuals we have made it 5 to 1."

I may say for your information that the first 500 coins of each denomination were struck with a small star. The balance are struck without the star.

Respectfully,

F E Kosky

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Henry L. Myers,
United States Senate.

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April 17, 1922.

Honorable R. S. Maloney,
House of Representatives,
Room 189, House Office Building.

Dear Congressman Maloney:

In response to your telephone request of this morning I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter of introduction to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia which may be presented to him by a member of the party you designate on the occasion of their visit to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1922.

Dear Congressman Kirkpatrick:

Replying to your letter of April 12 I beg to submit the following in regard to the Grant Memorial coins:

The Act approved February 2, 1922, provided for the coinage of 10,000 gold dollars and 250,000 silver half dollars. These coins are delivered to the Grant Memorial Centenary Association at face value. I have today been advised that the following is the basis upon which the Centenary Association is disposing of the coins:

"Grant gold dollar with star	$3.50 each
Grant gold dollar without star	3.00 "
Grant silver halves with star	1.50 "
Grant silver halves without star	1.00 "

"In order to dispose of the larger quantity of the silver coins we have been requiring each purchaser of the gold coins to take some of the silver also, at a ratio, in the case of banks and coin dealers (in the East) of 15 to 1; in the case of individuals we have made it 5 to 1."

The bill for the issue of the coins was passed for the purpose of creating a fund for the building of a road from New Richmond, Ohio, to Point Pleasant, Ohio, and for defraying the cost of erecting a community building in the village of Georgetown and another in the village of Bethel as a memorial to Ulysses S. Grant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

Hon. W. H. Kirkpatrick,
House of Representatives.

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April 16, 1922.

Mr. Frank M. Sterrett,
The Sterrett Alfalfa Medicine Company,
Troy, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Sterrett:-

I have your letter of April 15 in which you refer to my letter of April 3. I have reviewed my April 15 letter and am unable to find that I expressed the opinion that the provisions of the Act of May 22, 1920 repealed the provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of July 11, 1919. The Act of May 22, 1920 definitely states that employees who have reached the age of 70 years shall be automatically separated from the service. May I quote for your review an excerpt from that law:-

> "All employees to whom this Act applies shall, upon the expiration of ninety days next succeeding its passage, if of retirement age, or thereafter on arriving at retirement age as defined in section 1 hereof, be automatically separated from the service, * * * *". Provided that if within sixty days after the passage of this Act or not less than thirty days before the arrival of an employee at the age of retirement, the head of the department, branch, or independent office of the Government in which he or she is employed certifies to the Civil Service Commission that by reason of his or her efficiency and willingness to remain in the civil service of the United States the continuance of such employee therein would be advantageous to the public service, such employee may be retained for a term not exceeding two years upon the approval and certification of the Civil Service Commission * * * ."

In view of the fact that the retirement of employees who have reached the age of 70 years is constantly taking place, I am unable to suggest a situation in which a head of one of the Departments would be likely to consent to the appointment of a person who had reached the age limit for employment, under the restrictions of the Act cited.

Again assuring you that I regret my inability to assist you under the circumstances, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

April 19, 1922.

The Will Corporation,
845 Maple Street,
Rochester, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst., there is enclosed a voucher covering the articles in question. If you will certify same and return to this office, it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

The Mint receipts of silver during the month of March, 1922, are given below under the classification desired.

Silver			Fine Ounces
Domestic	unrefined	silver	292,178.54
Foreign	"	"	113,262.77
"	coin	"	13,912.00

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1922.

Mr. Frank M. Surface,
Special Agent, Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

The following statement shows the quantity in fine ounces of unrefined domestic gold and silver received at the institutions of the United States Mint service during the month of March, 1922:

Domestic gold, unrefined	70,629.120	fine ounces
Domestic silver "	292,178.54	" "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH.
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HR

April 19, 1922.

Mr. R. W. Ralston,
Street & Smith Corporation,
Box 24 Station "O",
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 19 relative to the issue of a fifteen cent piece, I beg to advise you that an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination other than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1922.

Miss Mary W. Shaw,
122 West 79th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of April 17 you are advised that application for the Peace Dollar should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States or to any of your local banks.

It is understood by this Bureau that the Grant memorial coins are being disposed of at the following rate:

Gold dollars with star	$3.50 each
Gold dollars without star	3.00 "
Silver half dollars with star	1.50 "
Silver half dollars without star	1.00 "

In order to dispose of the larger quantity of silver coins, the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, which organization has sole charge of the distribution of this memorial issue, requires individual purchasers of the gold coins to take some of the silver also at a ratio of 5 to 1.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1922.

Col. H. C. Smither,
Chief Coordinator, General Supply,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of April 14 relative to the transfer of iridium from the War Department to the Treasury Department. A copy of the memorandum has been forwarded to the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York.

This Bureau desires to express its appreciation of the courtesy of the War Department in connection with this transaction.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vaile:

I have your letter of April 17 recommending the appointment of Mr. J. W. Cobbey of the Denver Mint to membership on one of the Annual Settlement Committees. Owing to the limited appropriation at our command for the expenses of the Annual Settlements I am unable at this time to promise positively that a place can be made for Mr. Cobbey, but on account of your interest in him I shall take special pleasure in assigning him to some one of the Committees if I possibly can do so.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Hon. William N. Vaile,

House of Representatives.

April 20, 1922.

Mr. W. B. McLaren,
Assistant Secretary,
Spokane and Eastetn Trust Co.,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 15 requesting to be supplied $500 in $2.50 gold pieces, I beg to advise you that the situation as to $2.50 gold pieces is exceptional in that gold has not been coined in this denomination for many years, and the limited supply in the Treasury offices is available only as reserve and would be soon exhausted if used for general payments. It is the Treasury's policy not to resume the coinage of $2.50 gold coins in view of the fact that the demand for them is based on sentiment rather than on utility, and on account of the relatively large amount of abrasion involved in their circulation and the tendency of gold coins in this denomination to disappear through circulation. In these circumstances it is not deemed desirable to resume the coinage of gold in the denomination of $2.50, and it is the fixed policy of the Treasury not to make further payments of gold coin of this denomination.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1922.

Comptroller General,
General Accounting Office, Treasury Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is noted from your settlement #12774 dated April 7, 1922, of the account of Mr. Verne M. Bovie former Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the period ended September 30, 1921, at which time Mr. Bovie was succeeded by Mr. Isaac H. Smith, that Mr. Bovie has apparently been unconditionally relieved of responsibility for the assets of the institution by transfer thereof to Mr. Smith.

The receipt given by Mr. Smith to Mr. Bovie which was filed with the account stated that "standard silver dollars in sub-treasury vaults * * * are accepted subject to verification hereafter." In view of the fact that physical conditions have been such as to make impracticable the verification of this $59,884,000, and the probable continuance of same for some time to come, the matter is brought to your attention for such action as is considered advisable.

Will state, in this connection, that similar receipt was given by Mr. Freas Styer, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, upon his relieving Mr. A. M. Joyce in July last but that an unconditional receipt was filed in your office in February of this year before Mr. Joyce's final account was settled.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1922.

Mr. Calvin Green,

Jacksboro, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of ore forwarded with your letter of April 12, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

E. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

April 20, 1922.

Mr. W. P. Abbott,
1603 Beattie St.,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 17 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and by him referred to this Bureau for attention, I take pleasure in enclosing table showing the coinage of the United States mints for the year 1921, and have placed your name on the list to receive this report monthly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

April 20, 1922.

Liberty Novelty Company,

Salisbury, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 18 relative to Grant memorial coins, you are advised that the act approved February 2, 1922, authorized the issue of 10,000 gold dollars and 250,000 silver half dollars. These coins are distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the following terms:

Grant gold dollar with star	$3.50 each
Grant gold dollar without star	3.00 "
Grant silver half dollar with star	1.50 "
Grant silver half dollar without star	1.00 "

Each purchaser of the gold coins is required to take some of the silver also, at a ratio, in the case of banks and coin dealers (in the East) of 15 to 1; and in the case of individuals at a rationof 5 to 1.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1922.

Honorable Burton L. French,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman French:-

Your letter of April 18, addressed to the former Director of the Mint, has been referred to me for attention. Replying to the inquiry received by you as to "whether a civil service employee working for the Government as an assayer is allowed to do work of the same nature for profit outside of the government service", I beg to state that this Bureau would not feel justified in interfering with an employee who desired to do work for himself outside of government hours, it being understood, of course, that no part of the equipment, machinery, supplies of the government would be utilized directly or indirectly for such purpose.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1922.

Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Prohibition Unit,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Helena Assay Office, amount $11.40, covering 50% of the common expenses of the Assay Office and Prohibition Director occupying the same building, January 1st to March 31, 1922, paid by the Assay Office. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1922".

Respectfully,

J. E. Kosberg

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Mr. Wm. Liscoe,

Corbin, Montana,

Sir:

If you will forward to this office draft of the affidavit you propose to submit, covering the silver content of slag mentioned in your letter of the 12th instant, it will be given prompt consideration and you will be advised whether the silver is receivable by the Government at the Pittman Act price of $1.00 per ounce.

Copy of the regulations with draft of affidavits covering ordinary transactions under the Pittman Act are herewith enclosed, for your guidance.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly refer to your letter of April 6, 1922 replying to communication of this office dated March 23, addressed to the United Metals Selling Company concerning affidavits for silver delivered to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act, wherein the quantity for which settlement was made was either nill or considerably less than the silver content of the ore.

It has been the practice of other vendors to include in the affidavits in cases of this kind clauses stating the facts, such, for example, as that the silver content of the ore was so small that no payment therefor was made. Will you kindly follow this practice in future similar cases, also forward to this office statements to support the affidavits already filed in cases of this kind.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

F.

April 21, 1922.

Mr. Leonard Riesch,
208 S. Geddes St.,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 20 you are advised that the five-cent nickel piece of the United States is made up of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Respectfully,

F E Leonard

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Mr. G. H. Sargeant, Secretary,
New England Barge and Tower Association,
314 Old South Building,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 18 relative to Grant Memorial coins, you are advised that application for these coins should be addressed to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, as the Treasury Department is not handling their distribution. It is understood that these coins are issued at a premium.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Quincy Mining Company,
52 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of April 19 of 1700 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Quincy Mining Company,
52 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of April 19 of 1700 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Mr. A. Schumacher,
2205 Fourteenth St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the charge which you will make to cover over an exposed belt shafting and also to cover over a small gear connected with a cutting machine.

In order to assist you in estimating the cost of this work, the equipment to be covered can be shown to you if you will call at room 182, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

A. Ekeley

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Mr. Max Aronstein,
1406 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the charge which you will make to cover over an exposed belt shafting and also to cover over a small gear connected with a cutting machine.

In order to assist you in estimating the cost of this work, the equipment to be covered can be shown to you if you will call at room 182, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Mr. Ernest Cichner,
1214 D Street,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the charge which you will make to cover over an exposed belt shafting and also to cover over a small gear connected with a cutting machine.

In order to assist you in estimating the cost of this work, the equipment to be covered can be shown to you if you will call at room 182, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Capital Specialty Company,
649 South Delaware St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of April 18 you are advised that proof silver may be obtained from the Mint at Philadelphia at a cost of $2.00 an ounce. This covers the cost of the metal and the preparation of the proof silver.

Respectfully,

F E Kosky

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Major C. M. Roberts, Ord. Dept., U.S.A.,
Chairman, Philadelphia District Ordnance Salvage Board,
Frankford Arsenal,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 19 relative to shipping instructions for 76.3360 troy ounces of iridium to be transferred from the War Department to the Treasury Department, I have to request that the same be delivered to Hon. Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York City.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leeby

Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1922.

Hon. S. W. Stratton,
Director, Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Stratton:

Replying to your letter of April 18 enclosing a copy of letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to the visit of Dr. William Blum of your institution to the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to express my gratification that this visit of Dr. Blum's can be arranged. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will, I am sure, be very glad to avail himself of the service of Dr. Blum in connection with the electrolytic process used at the mint at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly refer to letter of your Treasurer dated February 28, 1922, concerning the absence of miner's affidavit covering approximately 2593 ounces of silver purchased by you from the Old Dominion Company, said silver having been sold to the United States under the terms of the Pittman Act. As these miners affidavits have not yet been received the matter is being brought to your attention with the request that it be expedited.

Respectfully,

W. McRuelty

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1922.

Miss Nolie Locke,

Nacogdoches, Texas.

Madame:

The sample of mineral submitted by you proved to be a very pur specimen of "Pyrite", that is Iron Pyrites or Iron Sulphide.

This mineral occurs abundently in rock of all ages and affords a great part of the sulphate of iron and sulphuric acid of commerce.

Respectfully,

M. N. Offield

Q. Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1922.

Chief Coordinator, General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau if you have in surplus a typewriter machine for the United States Mint at San Francisco, the specifications of which are:

140 space carriage, elite type, decimal tabulator, No. 11.

If you have such machine please describe its condition and price at which it may be sold to the Mint at San Francisco, it being understood that the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco will pay the transportation charges.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail

Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1922.

Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

With reference to your letter L777of April 7, and other correspondence on the subject thereof, it gives me pleasure to inform you that the explanations received concerning this item of approximately 230,000 ounces silver delivered by your smelter to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint on account of the Anglo-London-Paris National Bank, satisfactorily clears up this matter, and that our records will be made to show that this amount was handled by you on toll basis and therefore will not affect the quantity of silver salable by you to the United States under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1922.

Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith copy of proposed affidaivt to be submitted by the Brown Parker Auto Company, also certificate of sale by Sheriff W. J. Box, with the information that if the affidavit is amended as per pencil notation, to clearly connect the Sheriff's certificate thereto, the two vouchers will be acceptable by the Mint Service as evidencing domestic production of the 976.73 ounces of silver in question. Copy of this letter should be filed with the voucher in support of the sale when delivered to the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

April 22, 1922.

Mr. Charles King,
Reliance, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 18 in which you state that you are sending samples of ore to Philadelphia and will send in samples of lead and some supposed to be zinc, you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public, and the Mint at Philadelphia does not do this work for the public. The nearest United States institution where assays of ore can be made for you is at the United States Mint at New Orleans.

In reply to your suggestion relative to obtaining employment with the Government for the purpose of developing land you describe, you are advised that the Government has no opportunity in connection to offer you as we have no appropriation from which to make payment for employment such as you seek.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1922.

Mr. R. L. Davis,

Racine, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 19 asking if there is any jewelry made of solid gold, you are advised that solid gold may be of various degrees of fineness. This Bureau had no data covering the quantity of gold used in the manufacture of jewelry.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1922.

Mr. P. H. Feltman,
688 Caldwell Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your card of April 20 addressed to the United States Assay Office, you are advised that there is no United States Assay Office in Washington independent of other departments. The Assay Office at Wall Street, New York, will receive scrap gold in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value and pay for the same by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1922.

The Miller Jewelry Company,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 19 you are advised that the United States Government is paying $1.00 an ounce for silver produced and reduced in the United States. This silver is being purchased under the provisions of the Pittman Act which that the equivalent amount of silver sold under the Act, namely two hundred million ounces, shall be repurchased and recoined into silver dollars, the silver to be entirely of United States origin. To date one hundred million ounces have been repurchased under this bill. The Government will continue to pay $1.00 an ounce for such silver as long as it is obtainable at that price.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1922.

Chief, Division of Loans and Currency,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $90.00, covering 9 steel impressions of the Treasury Seal furnished your office April 8, 1922. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$67.50
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	22.50
	$90.00

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find duplicate of bill of the Philadelphia Mint forwarded to your office for settlement on July 26, 1921. To date no notice of settlement covering this bill has been received in this office or at the Philadelphia Mint. If settlement has been made, please advise this office as to number and date of settlement; if not, kindly advise as to the prospects for settlement in the near future.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1922.

Edward Thompson Company,

Northport, New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find Government voucher covering Federal Statutes Annotated. 1921 Supplement furnished this office. If you will certifiy same in place indicated and return it to this office, it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 24, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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April 24, 1922.

Mr. J. B. Pollard,
14 Idleman Block,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 20 relative to procuring Grant Memorial coins, you are advised that application for the same should be addressed to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am returning the draft in the sum of $4.25 enclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1922.

Mr. Geo. E. McBride,
Jacobs Hotel,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 21, together with package forwarded by you said to contain clay, which you desire analyzed to determine if it is of sufficient purity for the manufacture of chinaware. I am today forwarding this sample to the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Soils, in the belief that that office may be of possible assistance to you in the matter, as there is no place in Washington under the Treasury Department where such assays are made for the public.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1922.

Acting Commandant,
United States Coast Guard,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21 enclosing five yards of ribbon for use in making Good Conduct Medals for the United States Coast Guard. The ribbon has been transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed affidavits which accompanied your letter L 801 of April 20, 1922, will be acceptable by the United States Mint Service as evidencing domestic production of silver to a total of 23,859.87 ounces, when reliquidation has been made on such of the silver as was preliminarily liquidated at the non-Pittman price. Your affidavit evidencing such reliquidation should accompany these affidavits when they are filed in support of silver sales to the United States. This letter applies to silver received by you, through the Grasselli Chemical Co., from the Montana Mines of the Butte & Superior Mining Company.

Respectfully,

M. Marshall

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

April 25, 1922.

Mr. H. G. P. Deans, Vice President,
The Merchants' Loan and Trust Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Your letter of April 10 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to including in the quarterly circular "Value of Foreign Coins" the quotation for Czecho-Slovakia, Jugo Slavia, Poland, etc., has been referred to this Bureau. The matter was taken under consideration previous to the issue of the circular in January and it was thought best by the Department to defer including these countries for the present. However, your letter will be called to the attention of the Secretary's office previous to the preparation of the circular to be issued on July 1.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1922.

Mr. K. P. Hogan,
Mr. J. E. Wood,
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 22 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to coin design which you wish to have used by the Government. The Department has not under contemplation at this time any change in designs of any of our coins, and as you know no change can be made in the design of the current coins without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

M. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1922.

Miss J. Edith Taylor,
430 Broadway,
Cambridge, Mass.

Madame:

Replying to your card of recent date you are advised that the small letters appearing on the coins are mint marks, indicating the mint at which the coins are made, those manufactured at San Francisco bearing the letter "s"; the coins made at Denver the letter "d", while the coins manufactured at Philadelphia are known by the absence of the mint mark.

Other letters appearing on the coins are the initials of the designers. The half dollar and dime bear the initial of Mr. Adolph Weinman; the quarter dollar bears the initial of Mr. MacNeil, and the Standard Silver dollar now being coined bears the initials of Anthony de Francisci.

This Department has no knowledge of any reward being offered for accumulating coins the small letters on which would spell "Denver" or "south".

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1932.

Mr. R. S. Running,
905 Vine Street,
La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 21 you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars of the current design in circulation, one with the stars arranged on either side of the eagle, and the other with the three stars below the eagle and five on either side. This latter arrangement was authorized by an act of Congress for the purpose of making the coin more artistic. Both types are, of course, legal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

Mexican dollar	$ .5245
British & Hongkong dollar	.5207
Yuan dollar	.5130

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1922.

Chief Coordinator, General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of April 22 relative to a typewriter machine for the United States Mint at San Francisco, 140 space carriage, elite type, decimal tabulator, No. 11 Remington, it is understood that such machine is available from surplus stock. Will you please advise this Bureau as to the condition of the machine and at what price it may be sold to the San Francisco Mint, it being understood that the Superintendent of that institution will pay the transportation charges.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1922.

Mr. John Kramer,
P.O. Box 373,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sir:

Your letter of April 22 addressed to the United States Mint, Washington, has been delivered to this Bureau. I would suggest that in order to obtain duplicates of your Victory medal and Mexican Border medal you address the branch of the War Department which issued your medal, requesting them to give you authority to have duplicate medals made. Upon receipt of the necessary authority from the War Department for the issue of duplicate medals the letter should be sent to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia where the medals are manufactured.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1922.

Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company,
Sales, Promotion and Research Department,
High Bridge, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21 relative to liners for machines for bundling metal scrap. The letter has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and I thank you for calling attention to the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of April 24 of 130,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1922.

Mr. Francesco Ventresca,
Box 245,
Western Springs, Ill.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau whether you have ever received the refund of deductions, amounting to $5.12, made from your salary from the effective date of the Retirement Act to the date of your resignation, September, 1920.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1924.

United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Hon. Thomas G. Hathaway, employed in the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, for approximately twenty five years was made Assayer in Charge by Presidential appointment on September 10, 1921. This Bureau is in receipt of an inquiry from Mr. Hathaway in which he asks:

"Before making application for refund I would like to know that should I subsequently return to the classified service, whether repayment by me of the refund and interest would restore me to the status held at time of separation from classified service, or only for the period the retirement deduction was originally made. The retirement deduction in my case covers a period of between 13 and 14 months only while I have a period of some 24 years of service to my credit which I would not like to lose through a technicality. I would prefer not to ask for a refund if there is any doubt in the matter."

Please advise this Bureau what reply should be made to Mr. Hathaway.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 26, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer thirty two thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
1-423 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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April 26, 1922.

Mr. Richard Hoadley Tingley,
44 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 25 you are advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 is the last issued. The Report for the fiscal year 1922 will not be ready until some time late in November.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1922.

Mr. W. E. Kuhrt,
1746 S. Boston St.,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the small specimen of ore forwarded with your letter of April 23, which you desire assayed. You are advised that in order that a satisfactory assay may be made it is necessary that about five pounds of material should be submitted. I would suggest that you forward approximately this amount of material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined. There is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1922.

Dear Senator Caraway:

Responding to your letter of April 25, this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding today a letter of introduction to Rev. J. Wilson Chrichlow, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J., which will admit him to the Mint at Philadelphia. Mr. Chrichlow has been advised that this letter is being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Mary O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Honorable T. H. Caraway,

United States Senate.

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April 26, 1922.

Rev. J. Wilson Chrichlow,
Drew Theological Seminary,
Madison, N.J.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. T. H. Caraway I am enclosing herewith a letter of introduction to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia which will admit you to this institution for the purpose of witnessing the operations of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

W W Stuckle

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 27, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
2—5788

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

April 27, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Merritt,
The Hartford Special Machinery Co.,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 25 you are advised that this Bureau issues a monthly coinage statement. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of this circular regularly.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

April 27, 1922.

Mr. Jesse R. Grant,
617 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 24 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, you are advised that Grant Memorial Coins may be had upon application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. These coins, issued in denominations of silver half dollars and one dollar gold pieces, are sold by that association at a premium.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1922.

Director of Supply,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith questionnaire enclosed in your letter of April 25 filled out as requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

April 27, 1922.

Mr. F. M. Alexander,

Americus, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 24 you are advised that the half dollar described by you is that of an issue recently coined commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the state of Alabama to the Union, and is being sold at a premium by the First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

Respectfully,

W McPhilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1922.

Mr. Wm. J. Robins,
115 Sydney St.,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 25 enclosing pencil rubbing of a fifty-cent piece, you are advised that this is what is known as a "Trade Dollar." Their issue was authorized by the Act of February 12, 1873, being intended as a substitute for the Mexican dollar, and for circulation in the Orient. The act of February 19, 1887 provided for their retirement and re-coinage into standard silver dollars, and for six months after the passage of the act they could be exchanged at the Treasury dollar for dollar. Since the expiration of this period of re-demption trade dollars have been purchased as bullion when pre-sented to the mints.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 20, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Offer/twenty-seventh accepted delivery San of silver

Francisco under terms Pittman Act.

Miss O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
2—3133

April 28, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
1800 E. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find miners affidavit of the D. M. and Chance Mining Company, covering 492 ounces of silver. Please have this affidavit placed with the Philadelphia Mint miners affidavits for December 1921; it being a part of a total of 1,001,233 ounces filed by the American Smelting and Refining Company.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of Mint.

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April 28, 1922.

Mr. Robert Wright,
Company L 25th Infantry,
Nogales, Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 29 you are advised that the only $50 gold coins issued by the Government were those issued for the Panama Pacific International Exposition, 1915, which coins, it is understood, were sold at a premium by the Exposition Company. $150,000 in $50 gold pieces were coined.

The Department has no knowledge of the standing of the publishers of Coin Guides, and would be unable to advise you in regard to the Star Coin Encyclopedia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1922.

James Allen & Company,
Charleston, S. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 26 relative to disposing of old silver, I beg to state that the Department is not at this time purchasing silver deposits made up of old silver or scrap. The only silver now being purchased by the Government is that which is received under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, which requires that the silver must have been mined and reduced in the United States, and that the miner received $1 per ounces for the same. It would be, obviously, impossible to include in such purchases silver derived from jewelers' scrap, old silverware or plate of any kind.

Respectfully,

M. M O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1922.

Hon. Arthur Capper,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Capper:

Responding to your request of April 27 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Hon. C. Q. Chandler, First National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921. the last edition.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Thomas,
1036 Washley Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 26 relative to disposing of gold at the Mint, New Orleans, and stating that you would be up there about May 10th, you are advised that this Office has no suggestion to make to you in regard to visiting the Mint. If you have gold bullion to dispose of, and it approximates $1000 in value it will be purchased by the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans, and charges deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. There is no place in Washington where such material si received from the public. There is no Mint in Washington.

Deposits of gold can be sent by registered mail or express to the Mint at New Orleans, and payment for the gold contained in the deposit made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, sent to you by mail.

Respectfully,

W. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1922.

Mrs. Kate Arthur Hilleary,

Webster Springs, W. Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 27 I am returning herewith the specimens of ore forwarded by you for assay with the advice that there is no place in Washington where such assays are made by the Government for the public. Assays of ore are made by the Mint at New Orleans at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the samples. Approximately five pounds of the material should be forwarded for such assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1922.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27, the following table shows the purchase of silver by months from May, 1920 until the present time, also the coinage of silver dollars by months.

Under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 270,232,722 silver dollars were sold and that number must be recoined:

Purchases (ounces)		Month	Coinage
332,086		1920	Coinage of Standard
6,168,505		May	Silver Dollars under
3,288,856		June	the terms of the Act
3,429,277		July	of April 23, 1918,
3,815,738		August	commenced Feb. 21, 1921.
4,634,860		September	
3,638,870		October	
4,599,172		November	
	29,907,361	December	
4,677,188		1921.	
4,615,842		January	
5,912,065		February	$ 56,000
4,334,741		March	2,310,000
6,836,500		April	4,370,000
4,442,000		May	7,660,000
4,670,119		June	4,647,000
4,913,614		July	3,080,000
3,471,436		August	11,870,000
5,917,997		September	14,770,000
3,447,000		October	23,415,000
5,424,025		November	12,739,000
	58,662,527	December	2,819,473
2,532,000		1922	
3,444,740		January	
6,938,980		February	2,920,000
	12,915,720	March	6,860,000
	101,485,608		$97,516,473.00

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1922.

Mr. L. J. Huplessis,
4907 Carnegie Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of April 26 addressed to the Coin and Stamp Department has been delivered to this Bureau. We have no means of ascertaining the date of the three-cent piece to which you refer. These coins were manufactured in silver from 1851 to 1873, and in nickel from 1849 to 1889.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta,

Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of April 27 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to Department Circular No. 22 relative to redemption and purchase of United States Coins, I beg to state that the entire edition totaled about 3,000 copies. It is therefore obviously impossible for us to supply you with 1,000 copies of this circular. I am, however, taking pleasure in forwarding 100 copies of the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Fred S. Gichner

1214 D St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

April 29, 1922.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department.

1 gear cover and 2 belt guards, made of
No. 11 wire, 1¼" mesh, in channel frame,
painted 1 coat gray. 90 00

M. M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1922.

Goodman & Company,
Occidental Building,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the gold scrap forwarded by you under date of April 27 with the advice that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are purchased by the Government. The United States Assay Office at New York purchases scrap gold in quantities which approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, paying for same by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States after deductions have been made for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M M-O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5708

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, May 1, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
C/. Scobey Fireproof Storage Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

Coinage April standards four million nine ninety-five thousand Double eagles fourteen million dollars. Have wired Grant ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Madam called at office today. Feeling all right.

O'Reilly

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ---------- DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5708

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:
Office Director of the Mint.

Washington,

May 1, 1922.

COLLECT

Wm. Lisco,
Cowin, Montana.

Silver produced from Wickes slag when supported by affidavits evidencing facts shown Hausers affidavit April twenty sixth acceptable by Government under Pittman Act Letter follows

E. E. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECT
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
S—6827.

May 1, 1922.

Mr. Wm. Liscoe,
Corbin, Montana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 27, 1922, I beg to confirm the information contained in telegram of current date to the effect that silver produced from slag from mines located at Wickes, Montana, will be acceptable by the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act, at $1.00 per ounce, when supported by affidavits evidencing the facts in the case.

Each lot of silver sold should be supported by an affidavit in the general form of the miners affidavit, draft of which accompanies this letter, but modified, where essential, to state the actual facts. Clauses should be inserted therein covering the information contained in the affidavit of S. T. Hauser, dated April 26, 1922, which affidavit accompanied your letter, above mentioned, of April 27, 1922.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

May 1, 1922.

Reese & Terrance,

Duffie, Mississippi.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the specimen of rock and sand forwarded with your letter of april 25 for assay. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Mint, New Orleans, La., will make such assays at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for determining other metals in the sample. About five pounds of the material desired for assay should be forwarded.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1922.

Mr. W. S. Moe,
Box 753,
Fort Pierce, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the dollar bill enclosed with your letter of April 26 requesting a Grant memorial half dollar. I have to advise you that the Treasury Department is not handling the distribution of these coins, the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, having sole charge of this work. Your application should be addressed to the above Association.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1922.

The Will Corporation,
845 Maple Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 25, 1922, you are advised that your voucher against this office, amount $14.82, covering brushes and filter paper furnished has been approved for settlement.

Regarding bills listed in paragraph 3 of your letter you are advised that none of these bills pertain to this office; it is suggested that inquiry concerning same be made of the individual offices of the Treasury Department from which the orders were received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 1, 1922.

Mr. Dutch Lyles,

Yuba, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, and I am returning herewith the ten-cent piece enclosed. Answer to your letter of March 1 was made under date of April 7 when the stones forwarded by you were returned. This letter was returned to this office and is now enclosed herewith.

I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material you desire assayed to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where this work will be done at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—8738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 2, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—8738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

May 2, 1928.

The Secretary of the Navy,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of April 17 requesting the manufacture of the following medals:

8 Medals, Distinguished Pistol Shot, gold
6 Medals, Navy Expert Team Rifleman, gold
7 Medals, Division Rifle Competition, gold

I beg to state that the Mint at Philadelphia has advised this Bureau that the dies for the Distinguished Pistol Shot medal were returned to the Navy Department last July, and of course it would be necessary to have these dies forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint. The Superintendent advises that he has the dies for the other two medals ordered.

Respectfully,

Mary McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1922.

Fred S. Gichner Iron Works,
1214 D Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 29 referring to our order of April 29 covering certain gear cover and belt guards amounting to $90.00, you are advised that the appropriation from which this amount is to be paid is "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1922."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1922.

Mr. O. M. Sylvester,
The MacDougall & Southwick Co.,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of April 26 you are advised that Mr. Warren H. Taylor is employed at the United States Assay Office, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 1, of 110,000 ounces of silver, is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. McBully

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 3, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint,
care Scobey Fireproof Storage Co.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Fire on roof Treasury last night did no damage to our laboratory

O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—8738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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May 3, 1922.

Mr. E. P. French,
Federal Reserve Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of May 1 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith table of coinage executed at the mints by months during the current calendar year. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive this statement monthly.

Respectfully,

W M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 3, 1922.

Miss Z. A. Rhodes,
R.F.D., W.L.A. St.,
Baldwin Park, California.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of April 27 you are advised that the so-called "Buffalo" nickel, bearing the Indian head, was the only five-cent piece coined in the year 1913. No Liberty head nickels were coined during that year. I am returning herewith the clipping forwarded with your letter.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 2, 1922.

Mr. P. W. Ranson,
Physicians Clinic,
Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27 you are advised that there is no law which prevents the total destruction of coins, the metal of which is to be used in the arts and sciences.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 3, 1922.

Dear Senator McCormick:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 2 enclosing a letter from Mr. W. N. Thornberry, Galatin, Illinois, asking to be supplied with one of the Grant Memorial coins. These coins are being distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Treasury Department is not handling any of the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Medill McCormick,

United States Senate.

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May 3, 1922.

Mrs. Ida Edwards,
223 East 4th St.,
Washington, D.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 21 I regret very much to advise you that there is no fund under the control of this office which is available for rendering assistance to you.

I am returning the picture enclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1922.

Dear Congressman Smith:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 3 relative to submitting to the Secretary an item to be inserted in the Deficiency Approrpiation Bill for the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho. A letter was addressed to the Assayer in Charge, Boise, under date of May 3 advising him that this Bureau would submit to the Secretary of the Treasury for consideration the proposal to have the item submitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Addison T. Smith,

House of Representatives.

May 4, 1922.

General Supply Committee,
Auditors Building,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With return of the enclosed draft of Purchase Order for a Remington typewriter, with Wahl mechanism, will you please advise whether same can be furnished by you, and if not, please authorize its purchase.

This office has no unserviceable machine to turn in as part payment and if it is desired that an unserviceable machine be turned in as part payment will you kindly provide information for completing the order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

Director of the Mint

"Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1922"

Remington Typewriter Company,

Washington, D. C.

May 4 22

June 15 22.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

G. S.

18300 (b-2-dd)	Remington cross accounting machine, with Wahl mechanism, writing 16" line, with pica standard type and billing figures		1	ea.	$391.50	391 50
(b-3-aa)	Totalizers:- 7 wheel		5	"	63.00	315 00
(bb)		8 "	2	"	67.50	135 00
(cc)		9 " (non-decimal)	1	"	72.00	72 00
(dd)		10 "	3	"	76.50	229 50
(jj)		7 " (Dummy)	1	"	4.50	4 50
				Total		$1,147 50

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1922.

Mr. W. E. Murrey,
715 Cherry St.,
Springfield, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 1 you are advised that Congress authorized the coinage of $50.00 gold pieces for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915. The coins were distributed by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California. They were not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1922.

Mr. Henry G. Harthorne,
85 Pine St.,
Danvers, Mass.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a one-cent piece of the series of 1921, which is forwarded to you in response to a request from Hon. A Piatt Andrew, House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

M. McBill

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1922.

Dear Senator Walsh:

Your letter of April 27 addressed to the Bureau of Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, requesting that information on the subject of "Gold" be sent to Miss Kathryn D. O'Connor, Holyoke, Massachusetts, has been forwarded to this Bureau. I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Miss O'Connor a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 which covers the production of the precious metals and their consumption in the arts for a series of years. We have also forwarded to Miss O'Connor a copy of Department Circular which gives general information on the coinage of gold.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. David I. Walsh,
United States Senate.

May 4, 1922.

Dear Dr. Andrew:

Responding to your request of May 1st I have taken pleasure in procuring from the Mint in Philadelphia a one cent piece of the coinage of 1921, and have forwarded the same to Mr. Henry G. Hathorne, 85 Pine St., Danvers, Mass. with the information that the coin has been forwarded at your request.

Respectfully,

M. W. Atwood

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. Piatt Andrew,

House of Representatives.

May 4, 1922.

Mr. Henry Hughey,
Box 73,
Jackman, Maine.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay. I have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1922.

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co.
Accounting Department,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., your file USG-AWJ, making inquiry concerning your bill No.21660, amount $6.88, you are advised that this bill was covered by Notice of Settlement No. T-41071, dated March 27, 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Wheelock,
2 Rector St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1921, which covers the production of gold and silver in the United States and the world. The report also gives information relative to monetary matters in the different countries.

The pamphlet, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World," has not been revised since 1916.

Respectfully,

Th. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1922.

Mr. Edward Weisman,
86 North Main Street,
Liberty, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 you are advised that if the gold to which you refer is in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value I would suggest that you sent the same to the United States Assay Office, New York City. Payment will be made for the gold and silver contents less charges for fitting the metal for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Your bill No. E/4/290 is herewith returned with the request that the two items shown be stated on separate vouchers, as they are payable from different appropriations and through different administrative offices.

Respectfully,

M. M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1922.

The International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your letter of March 3, 1922, I beg to acknowledge receipt of statement of gold and silver production data, for the year ended December 31, 1921, and for which kindly accept my thanks.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1922.

RECLASSIFICATION COMMISSION

SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM UNIT 42.

The Chief Clerk of the
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I beg to report to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries that there were no changes in the duties of the employees of this Bureau, and no changes in the membership since submission of the last report.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1922.

Chief, Division of Printing and Stationery,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your memorandum of May 5 relative to loose-leaf binders which are available for re-issue, you are advised that this Bureau is not in need of such binders at this time.

Respectfully,

W. M. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

The Globe-Wernicke Co.,

1218 F Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. May 8, 1922.

Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

End for letter-size section (9264), quarter-sawed red gum, mahogany finish.

Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1922.

Japanese Financial Commission,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of eight copies of the very interesting Report of the Director of the Imperial Mint, Osaka, for the year ended March 31, 1921. Kindly accept my thanks for same.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 9, 1922.

Dear Congressman Black:

Upon my return from the Mint at New Orleans my attention was called to your letter of May 2 enclosing a clipping relative to the purchase of silver under the act of April 23, 1918.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the act of April 23, 1918, which provides that 350,000,000 Standard Silver Dollars may be melted up and the proceeds sold at $1.00 an ounce. It also provides that the equivalent of the amount of silver produced from the melting of the silver dollars must be purchased at the same rate at which the silver was sold.

Under the provisions of this act 270,232,722 silver dollars were melted up. To repurchase this amount it will require 209,000,000 fine ounces of silver. The silver must be produced and reduced in the United States, and this silver is now being purchased at $1.00 an ounce. It will be evident from the fact that the silver is being purchased at the same price at which it was sold that the Government is suffering no loss.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Eugene Black,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 9, 1922.

Mr. H. C. Shoaf,
1502 South Tryon St.,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of rock recently forwarded by you for assay. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Mint, New Orleans, La. will make assays of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of the material should be forwarded in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

May 9, 1922.

Mr. L. F. DeHaas,
304 So. Oakland Avenue,
Sharon, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 relative to obtaining a complete list of all coins of the United States you are advised that the only publication issued by the Government on this subject is the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." issued in 1914. This publication may be obtained from the Superintendent, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at a cost of $1.00.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1922.

Mr. E. B. Mellen,
5521 A 15th Ave., N.E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 relative to the "Peace Dollar" you are advised that the change of design in the Standard Silver Dollar was made for the reason that the design used up to December 1921 had been employed since 1878. As the law provides that a change in the design in coins can be made not oftener than once in twenty five years it was determined to make a change in the design of the Standard Silver Dollar. That which is known as the "Peace Dollar" will be the type of coin issued for the next twenty five years unless a change is authorized by Congress. During 1921 Peace Dollars to the amount of 1,006,473 were issued.

Under authority of the act approved May 10, 1920, Pilgrim Tercentenary half dollars were issued in the amount of $50,026.50. This coin was issued in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. The National Shawmut Bank of Boston was designated as the sole distributor of these coins.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1922.

Miss May Barnard Wiltse,

Hazs, North Dakota.

Madame:

Your letter of May 3rd addressed to the Director of the Mint at New York City has been forwarded to this Bureau by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York. I have carefully reviewed your letter and regret that it will be impracticable to arrange at this time to have experiments conducted in any of the laboratories of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 9, 1922.

Mr. C. O. Harker,

Grand Junction, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6 relative to deposits of gold made up of jewelry scrap, you are advised that the smallest quantity receivable by the Mints or Assay Offices must approximate $100.00 in value. Deposits of gold done up in small packages to be treated individually cannot be received at the Mints or Assay Offices. It would therefore be impracticable for us to receive any amounts made up of five and ten dollar deposits belonging to different individuals.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 9, 1922.

Mr. J. K. Keathley,
618 16th St.,
Huntington, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 you are advised that the piece described by you is not a coin of the United States. Several types of medals of President Washington have been issued and this is probably one of them. I am unable to identify it or advise you of its value. I am enclosing herewith a circular giving a list of medals for sale in the Mint at Philadelphia which may be of possible interest to you.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

CR

May 9, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 8 of 124,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 9, 1922.

Mr. Stephen Drosdick,
939 W. Diamond Ave.,
Hazelton, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 8 relative to Grant memorial coins, you are advised to make application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

F E Leeby

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 9, 1922.

Mr. John A. Dittmar,
212 College St.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Dittmar:

I have your letter of April 14 enclosing specimen of medals forwarded to me during my absence at the Mint in New Orleans. I have read your letter with much interest and appreciate the opportunity of examining the work done by Mr. Simmang. His name will be placed on the list of artists interested in this work and should the opportunity present itself I should be very glad to communicate further with Mr. Simmang. At present there is no opportunity for me to open negotiations with him.

Appreciating your courtesy, I am,

Respectfully yours,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1922.

Mr. T. E. O'Brien,
4332 Kenmore Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to that part of your letter of April 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury which relates to the recoinage charge on silver dollars, Mexican, Canadian or United States, I beg to state that foreign coins are purchased only as bullion. At the present time the Government is not in the market for the purchase of foreign silver coins. United States silver dollars are manufactured on Government account only.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 10, 1922.

Collect

Irving Fisher,

New Haven Connecticut

Circulation per ~~s~~ July first nineteen twenty one fifty three dollars forty four cents May first nineteen twenty two forty eight dollars eighty nine cents

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—5738

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 10, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Co.,

San Francisco, California.

Offer forty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

2—5738

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

Director of the Mint

Treasury Department

May 10, 1922.

Office of the Director of the Mint

End for letter-size file section Catalogue No. 9264, quarter-sawed red gum, mahogany finish

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Mr. J. Burnham,

Longview, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your leter of May 7 it is suggested that you forward the gold to which you refer to the United States Mint, Denver Colorado. If acceptable to that institution it will be paid for by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. O. Kobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Mr. Albert L. Bellem,
262 Crystal Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date relative to the quarter dollar of the latest design, you are advised that the two types are legal. Congress authorized the alteration of the design on the reverse of this coin to promote its artistic merit, by dividing the stars equally on each side and placing three under the eagle.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

MR

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Mr. R. D. Albright,
19½ Renova Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 8 you are advised that the Government purchases old gold only in such quantities as approximate or exceed $100 in value. Obviously it could not purchase a single gold watch case.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Mr. Geo. T. Sharp,
Acc-I-Ven Company,
800 Maryland Trust Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 8 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, on page 24 of which you will find a table giving the amount of minor coin outstanding.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Miss Ruth A. Whittaker,
30 South Main Street,
Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Whittaker:

A copy of your letter of May 3, addressed to the Bureau of Mines, has been forwarded to this Bureau. I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives all the information available on the subject of silver production.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Mr. G. W. Glass, Cashier,
The Marlin National Bank,
Marlin, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 relative to Grant Memorial coins, you are advised that two denominations were struck, the one dollar gold piece and the fifty-cent silver coin. These coins are distributed at a premium by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Treasury Department does not handle their distribution.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 10, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 10 of 200,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1922.

Mr. Sheppard Lehnhoff,
1049 N. Oakley Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 30 you are advised that the Treasury Department is not handling the distribution of the Grant Memorial Coins, these coins having been turned over to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Trade dollars were retired by the Act of February 19, 1887, and for six months thereafter were redeemable at face value. Since that time the Mints of the United States have purchased these coins as bullion. They are not obtainable through the Government.

One dollar gold pieces, the coinage of which was discontinued by act of September 26, 1890, are not in stock in the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

F. A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1922.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department. Attention Mr. Sherwood, Room 442

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco relative to installation of toilet and bath fixtures, in which it is agreed that if the necessary toilet and bath fixtures are supplied the tiling will be supplied by the mint and also the labor for the installation. The previous correspondence on this subject was referred to your office and it is evident from the enclosed letter that your Mr. Roberts of San Francisco has, with your consent, conferred with the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

There seems to be some doubt about procuring the installation of shower fixtures. In explanation for the necessity for this installation I beg to state that the shower is used daily by the men who are employed in the mechanical departments of the mint where metal is melted and handled in the furnaces. A shower bath would be more economical and more satisfactory for use by these men than the ordinary bath equipment, and it is hoped for this reason that the shower attachment will be allowed and installed, together with the balance of the toiled accommodations requested by the Superintendent of the mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1922.

Mr. Albert F. Rex,
New Ringgold, Schuylkill Co.,
P.O. Box 38, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 6 you are advised that about five pounds of the material to which you refer should be forwarded to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

May 12, 1922.

Night

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company
San Francisco California

Offer seventy thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

2—5788 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 12, 1922.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your bill No. 01285, amount 30¢, covering telegram transmitted from New Orleans to this office is herewith returned. You are advised that this bill is payable by the Mint at New Orleans to which office bill should be rendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1922.

De Lanoy and De Lanoy,
1421 F Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed bill for insurance on bullion shipments between Mints and Assays Offices during the month of April, 1922, is returned for completion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 12, 1922.

Mr. Charles L. Durboraw,
3044 Calumet Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 10 you are advised that application for a "Peace Dollar" should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. A sufficient amount should be sent to cover the face value of the coin plus cost of shipping.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1922.

Mr. B. L. Blair,

McMhorter, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 10 you are advised that the Government does not send out prospectors to investigate possible mining property.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you,

I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 13, 1922.

Mr. Charles E. McKeehan,
O. P. Box 121,
Monticello, Arkansas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 6 you are advised that the piece described by you is not a coin of the United States, but a small medalet struck by private parties during the Civil War in resemblance of a cent piece and passed as such.

In December, 1860, Howell Cobb of Georgia, who was Secretary of the Treasury, resigned his post and John A. Dix was appointed in his place. At that time New Orleans was virtually in possession of the secession party. There were two revenue cutters there and Secretary Dix ordered them to New York. The Captain of the of the revenue cutters, named McClelland, refused to obey the order when Secretary Dix telegraphed to an agent of the Department to "tell Lieutenant Caldwell to arrest the Captain and treat him as a mutineer in case he should offer any resistance, adding "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 13, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Gentlemen:

It is understood that letter of this office, dated March 13, 1922 concerning a suspension of $ .65 on August Voucher No. 5, ordinary account of Harry H. Stewart, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., has not been located in your office; therefore, a copy is enclosed herewith as per telephone request of May 12, 1922.

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 13, 1922.

Mr. C. T. Brown,
Socorro, New Mexico.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 3, 1922, I regret to state that a thorough search in this office fails to locate your letter of November 3, 1921 with enclosures.

I am enclosing herewith your affidavit dated November 1, 1921 covering the sources of 1463 ounces silver represented by lots 802-805, sold September 2, 1921 by you to the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co. of El Paso, with the information that the silver in question will be received by the Government when supported by this affidavit and the affidavits of the smelters and refiners which operate upon the same, at the rate of $1.00 per ounce.

The enclosed affidavit should be accompanied by a copy of this letter and should be filed by the vendor in support of sale of this silver to the Government.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Pittman Act silver regularions for your guidance.

Respectfully,

M. McRellen

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 15, 1922.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
(Surplus Property Custodian).

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, relative to graphite crucibles which are unsuitable for the uses of the Mint Service. Will you please advise this Bureau if these crucibles could be utilized by any other Department of the Government.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

Copy.

The United States Assay Office at New York

May 1, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D .C.

Sir:-

In making a clean-up of the building I find that much needed space is used for storage of graphite crucibles which will never be of service to this institution.

These crucibles were purchased of William Dinwiddie during the war period who had previously furnished a very satisfactory pot. On this particular lot, however, many tests have developed the fact that they are very unsafe for use in the melting of precious metals; many of them fail on the first heat and frequently open up in the annealing operation. There are 440 # 80 and 75 #100 of these crucibles on hand.

It is barely possible that they may render service in low temperature work, as in the making of zinc-tin alloy in bronze coinage operations, or be used in some other department of the government.

I bring this matter to your attention with a hope that these crucibles may be salvaged and will certainly appreciate any effort you might make in effecting a disposition of same.

Respectfully,

(s) Isaac H. Smith
Superintendent.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 15, 1922.

Mr. Earl Hyde,
American Locker Company,
29 South La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

The United States Geological Survey has forwarded to this Bureau a copy of your letter relative to silver production. It is understood that a copy of the preliminary estimate, compiled by this Bureau and the Geological Survey, has been forwarded to you. I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which covers the production, consumption, and distribution of the precious metals.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

CR

May 16, 1922.

Mr. Almeron W. Wickham,
919 Grant Street,
Gloucester City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 15th it is suggested that you address the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. to obtain the gold coins you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 16, 1922.

Dear Congressman Bulwinkle,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 15 enclosing a letter received by you from Mr. C. N. Turbyfill relative to premiums on coins.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The smallest gold coin ever issued by the Government was a $1.00 gold piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle,

House of Representatives.

May 16, 1922.

Mr. Watson Davis, C.E.,
1422 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 12 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which gives statistics covering the coinage of copper and the amount of one cent pieces out-standing and recoined, see pages 23, 92 and 117.

We have never compiled statistics of the number of pounds of copper used each year in the manufacture of coinage. For your information, however, I would say that the bronze coins contain 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

In regard to your request for photographs you are advised that Department regulations prohibit the photographing of mint machinery. I am, therefore, unable to provide you with the photo-graphs requested. As of possible interest to you I would suggest that you procure a copy of "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa." It is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy.

May 16, 1922.

Mr. Jackson Morris,
Adjutant General's Office,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such assays are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

CR

I am enclosing a list which shows the list of medals, copies of which are for sale to the public. I am not, however, able to advise you of the number issued or the amount of copper used in the same.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OK

May 16, 1922.

Calumet and Hecla Mining Company,
12 Ashburton Place,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 15, of 76,900 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 15, of 80,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

S-45738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 17, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Scobey
Director

J E Scobey

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 16, 1922.

Mr. Frank M. Surface,
Special Agent, Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

The following statement shows the quantity in fine ounces of unrefined domestic gold and silver received at the institutions of the United States Mint service during the month of April, 1922:

Domestic gold, unrefined . . . . . 71,766,090 fine ounces
Domestic silver, " . . . . . 250,811,67 " "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The Mint receipts of silver during the month of April, 1922, are given below under the classifications desired:

Unrefined domestic bullion	-	250,811.67
Unrefined foreign bullion	-	100,727.36
Foreign silver coin	-	33,809.96

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The First National Bank,

Breckenridge, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 11 I would suggest that the silver coin presented to your bank which had been partially melted in a fire be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United, Washington, D.C. If the material can be identified as genuine coin it may be possible to redeem at least a part of it. If not the silver will be purchased at bullion value, which is approximately 70 cents an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

Republican-Leader,

Marion, Illinois.

Mr. Oldham Paisley

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 11 you are advised that the distribution of the Grant memorial coins, silver half dollars and gold dollars, is handled entirely by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Treasury Department does not distribute these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

American District Telegraph Co.,
183 Varick Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the cost of installation of signal alarm upon one vault in the United States Mint at New Orleans. Please state cost of installation and yearly rental of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 17, 1922.

Mr. Charles J. Bullock, Chairman,
Committee on Economic Research,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Responding to your request of May 15 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, the last published.

I am also enclosing a table giving a preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1921. Our experience of several years has shown that the estimate very closely approximates the final figures which are published in August or September.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

May 17, 1922.

Mr. Frank L. Lawrence,
430 Sansome Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 5, 1922, requesting information as to the basis used in estimating the bullion value of standard coins of foreign countries. These estimates are made in accordance with section 25 of the Tariff Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by section 403, title 4, of the Act of May 27, 1921.

The value of standard gold coins of foreign countries is determined by the relation of their bullion content to the bullion content of the United States dollar. The standard monetary unit of the United States is the gold dollar containing 23.22 grains of fine gold. Therefore, the value of any foreign gold coin is expressed in dollars at the rate of one dollar for every 23.22 grains of fine gold contained in such coin.

Prior to July, 1918, the value of silver coins of foreign countries which maintained the silver standard was estimated on the basis of the average price of silver in the London market for the preceding three months; the London price being converted into dollars at par of exchange. For the circulars issued from July 1, 1918 to April 1, 1919, inclusive,

the value of foreign silver coins was estimated at the rate of $1.00 per ounce, due to the fact that the sales of silver by the Government under the Pittman Act, and the restrictions upon the exportation of silver stabilized the price of silver in this country at about that point. In May, 1919, a statement was issued by the Federal Reserve Board announcing the removal of restrictions on the exportation of silver, and stating that the Secretary of the Treasury did not contemplate any further sales of silver under the Pittman Act, except to the Director of the Mint. Since that date the value of foreign coins has been estimated on the basis of the average of the bid and asked quotations for silver on the New York market. The quotations taken are for the so-called foreign silver and do not include quotations of silver which is purchasable by the Government at $1.00 per ounce under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1922.

Dear Congressman Reed:

Replying to your letter of May 16 quoting a letter from Mr. J. G. Lemon of Richwood, West Virginia, I beg to advise you that the Government does not purchase silver in the form or ore. The silver is purchased in the form of bullion in such quantities as approximate or exceed $100 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Stuart F. Reed,

House of Representatives.

May 16, 1922.

Mrs. Catherine Callagher,
226 No. 2nd Aveme,
Spokane, Washington.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 8 addressed to the Treasury Department you are advised that in the year 1870 445,462 silver dollars were coined.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1922.

Mr. F. L. Radford,
211 Hammond Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 15 the following is submitted:

Under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 270,000,000 standard silver dollars were melted. To reproduce this amount we will require approximately 209,000,000 ounces of silver. Of this amount about 105,000,000 ounces have been purchased. To complete the purchase of the balance required to recoin silver dollars melted will require approximately two years, as the production of silver in the United States is estimated to approximate 55,000,000 ounces per year. As you are aware, silver purchased under the provisions of the Pittman Act must be that produced and reduced in the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

Colonel Wm. H. Meyers,
Chief, Local Sub-Division,
U.S. Veterans' Bureau,
370 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 12 enclosing a letter addressed to you under date of May 8 by Mr. William Bernstein requesting permission to use a part of the steps of the Sub-Treasury, New York, for a news-stand.

I have taken this letter under serious consideration and regret to be obliged to advise you that permission cannot at this time be granted. It has been the policy of the Department to decline to allow meetings or assemblies of any kind on the steps of the Sub-Treasury. To permit the use of a part of the approach to the building at this time would establish a precedent, and bring about numerous similar appeals.

The Bureau appreciates the merit of this case, and I should be glad to make a concession if it were possible for me to see my way to do so, but in view of the fact that we have been obliged to decline granting permission to similar worthy applicants I feel forced to withhold consent in this case.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1922.

Mr. Frank Meehan,
211 Board of Trade Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 15 you are advised that the mints have discontinued the practice of making proof coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1922.

Finance Department,
Dominion Government,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1922.

Banque d'Hochelaga,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

May 17, 1922.

Union Bank of Canada,
Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1922.

The Bank of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

Bank of Hamilton,
Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

La Banjue Provinciale du Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1922.

The Bank of Nova Scotia,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Sterling Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

Banque National,
Quebec, Quebec, Canada.

Gentlemen;

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Merchants Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1922.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Standard Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Molsons Bank,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

The Home Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1922.

Bank of Montreal,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1921. As is usual with this annual request will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Adams, Manager,
East Helena Plant, American Smelting & Refining Company,
East Helena, Mont.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, it is suggested that form of affidavit which you anticipate furnishing in connection with proposed sale to the United States of silver to be recovered from slag at the East Helena smelter, be forwarded this office.

Such proposed form of affidavit will be considered upon its receipt here and you will be advised whether it will be acceptable for sales of silver to the United States under the Pittman Act. The affidavit should of course cover the question of domestic production, and the sales to the United States, if authorized, will otherwise be subject to the terms of the Pittman Act and the Treasury regulations based thereon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 19, 1922.

International Minerals & Metals Corporation,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the work of making final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921, from the reports of the various smelting and refining works, it is noted that the following shipments were made to the International Minerals & Metals Corporation by the firms shown:

	Gold (approximate no. of fine ounces)	Silver (Approximate no. of fine ounces)
Goldsmith Brothers	100	32,000
American Smelting & Refining Co., Perth Amboy Plant. .	1,000	53,000
Nichols Copper Company	100	1,000
	1,200	86,000

The report of the International Minerals & Metals Corporation shows total gold 108.737 ounces and total silver 75,263.61 ounces, including receipts from Goldsmith Brothers of approximately 7 ounces gold and 4,200 ounces silver, and from Phillip Brothers approximately 2,800 ounces silver, none being shown as receipts from other plants. Any information you may be able to give which would tend to clear up the apparent discrepancies would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Mackall Bros.

May 20, 1922.

823 H St., N.E., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Building, Washington, D.C.

4409 (a) (1) One case Nitric Acid 7-pound bottles 1 case .22

Director of the Mint

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May 20, 1922.

Miss Fredda Tyler,
5 Wellington Ave.,
Everett, Mass.

Madame:

I am returning herewith the copper piece enclosed in your recent letter and beg to advise you that the same appears to be a copper cent of the coinage of 1848 which had the reverse altered. The coin was not issued from the mint in its present state. It would appear to have no value as a numismatic piece.

Respectfully,

F E Leeb

Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of this date, of 32,500 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1922.

The J. S. Givens Company,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 15, you are advised that 270,232,722 silver dollars were melted under the terms of the Pittman Act. To replace this amount 110,341,000 ounces of silver have been repurchased. It will require approximately 209,000,000 ounces to recoin all of the silver dollars melted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1922.

Mr. R. Gatherer,
36 Lawley Crescent,
Perth, West Australia.

Sir:

I have your letter of April 10 relative to publications issued by this Bureau. I take pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which covers all of the activities of the mint in so far as descriptive articles relative to our operations are prepared for publication.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1922.

Dear Congressman Knight:

Your letter of the 16th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply to Mr. Yes' inquiry as to where he may obtain one of the coins commemorating the third anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, you are advised that these coins were distributed by the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. The Grant memorial coins may be obtained by making application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

In reply to Mr. Yes' inquiry in regard to $150,000,000 to which he refers as "gold reserve", your letter has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Chas. L. Knight,
House of Representatives.

May 20, 1922.

La Finanza Italiana,
Roma (4), via del Boccaccio 8,
Italy.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the enclosed post-card for subscription to your publication, I beg to state that our original subscription to this publication was in the nature of a trial subscription and having found that the publication did not meet our needs the subscription was not renewed. The publication has not been received since June 30, 1921, and it is requested that your records be made to show the above facts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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May 20, 1922.

Mr. Geo. W. Helling,
10513 Cedar Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I have your letter of May 17 requesting information regarding the various issues of coin minted by the Government. The only publication covering the subject to the extent to which you are interested is the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.". This volume may be obtained at a cost of $1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

The Peace Dollar is not a special issue but is a type of standard silver dollar which will be issued indefinitely.

The Grant memorial coins may be obtained by making application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1922.

Mr. A. G. Davis,

Tesla, ~~New York~~ West Virginia

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18 you are advised that the United States Mint at New Orleans, La. will make assays of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of the material for assay should be forwarded in order that a representative test may be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1922.

Mr. Fred Greenclay,
The Illini Hotel,
Alton, Ill.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The only document published by this Bureau giving information relative to various coins issued by the United is the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa." This volume may be obtained at a cost of $1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1922.

Mr. P. L. Harris,
Earlville,
La Salle Co., Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 relative to the Lafayette dollar, I am unable to advise you where a specimen of this coin may be obtained. There are none in the Treasury Departments or at the Mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1922.

Mr. Thomas R. Staton,
43 Third Street,
Troy, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 16 you are advised that the Confederate note described by you is valued merely as a curio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHEN WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 23, 1922.

TO Night.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

San Francisco

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Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Fix. Mint Bureau, 1922
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
1—6827

May 23, 1922.

Assistant Cashier,
The First National Bank of San Francisco,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco authorizing him to deliver to you one $20.00 gold coin.

Respectfully,

E. O. Foley

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1922.

Chief Clerk,

Library of Congress.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith list of books in the library of this Bureau. Will you please advise me of the cost of supplying us with three library cards of each of these books for the purpose of having them properly catalogued.

Respectfully,

J. E. Foley

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1922.

Honorable D. H. Blair,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I have your letter of May 22 enclosing a badge used by the Prohibition Field Force, and requesting the manufacture of 500 of such badges at the Mint in Philadelphia. The Superintendent has this day been directed to proceed with the manufacture of the badges and expedite the order as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1922.

Dear Senator Willis:

I beg to confirm telephone communication with your office this day stating the cost to the Government of coining 100,000 memorial silver half dollars, as follows:

Cost to the Government of coining 100,000 half dollars could be executed at the rate of $8.00 per thousand pieces.

The value of the silver bullion contained in the pieces would vary with the price of silver each day. At yesterday's market price the silver cost would be $26,493.61.

The cost of preparing the hubs from designs to be furnished the mint would be $300.

When Congress authorizes the issue of memorial coins the pieces are turned over to the Association desiring them at face value. Therefore, to deliver to any particular organization 100,000 half dollars the mint would collect for the coins $50,000. In addition to the face value of the coins the Government would collect the cost of preparing the hubs, which would amount to $300.00 as above. The designs for the coins would have to be supplied to the mint and paid for by the organization.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank B. Willis,

United States Senate.

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May 23, 1922.

Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the New York Assay Office, amount $135.00, covering labor cost of manufacturing nine Gooch platinum crucibles. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount to the appropriation, "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1922".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 23 of 123,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1922.

Mr. A. B. Noyes, Financial Editor,
The New York Times,
Times Square, New York.

Sir:

In response to your request of May 22 I take pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year, 1921. This report contains the latest estimate made by the Department of the monetary stock of principal countries of the world.

Respectfully,

F E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1922.

Mr. M. H. Fearnow,
435 Seventh Street, S.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of May 17 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The letter has been taken up with the Philadelphia Mint and inquiry made regarding the silver coin, the face value of which was claimed to be $4.50, which you sent to the mint for redemption. It is noted that the mint returned to you $2.13. This is the value of the bullion contained in the deposit sent by you to the mint.

For your information I am enclosing Circular No. 22 covering mutilated coins, and beg to call your attention to paragraph 3 which states that mutilated coin is not redeemable at face value but will be purchased as bullion.

The Superintendent of the Mint reports that the coin referred to in your letter was mutilated and burned, and he therefore could not redeem it at face value.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

OR

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May 24, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Bell,
c/o Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the package of quartz forwarded in connection with your letter of May 22 for assay.

You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1922.

American District Telegraph Co.,
163 Varick St.,
New York, N.Y.

Attention Mr. D.S.Harris

Gentlemen:

Please refer to my letter of May 17 asking you to quote the cost of installing a signal alarm on one vault of the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., together with cost of installation and yearly rental.

Please advise when I may expect a quotation on this work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1922.

Mr. H. D. R. Burgess,
Assistant Vice-President,
The National City Bank,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 23, I beg to state that the regulations of the Treasury Department relative to Russian gold have not been changed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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May 25, 1922.

Dr. L. A. Myers,
820 Birks Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 you are advised that no coins were ever issued from the mints without date. It is possible that the coin you have has had the date removed artificially. If you care to forward the piece to the Treasury a perfect piece will be sent to you in its place if the coin has not been artificially mutilated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1922.

Chicago Crucible Company,
2525 Claybourne Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 22 you are advised that the Mints and Assay Offices using crucibles are located at:

Philadelphia }
Denver } Coinage Mints
San Francisco }

New York, N.Y.
New Orleans, La.
Seattle, Washington.
Carson City, Nevada.
Boise, Idaho.
Helena, Montana.
Deadwood, South Dakota.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1922.

Vernon Metal & Produce Co., Inc.,
25 Beaver Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of May 24 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Act of April 23, 1918. I am also enclosing a copy of Treasury Department regulations covering the purchase of silver under the above act.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1922.

Mr. Wm. G. Kahn,
R.F.D. No 2,
Fonda, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith, unopened, the specimen of ore which you desire assayed. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully;

F E Kosby.

Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1922.

Manager, Credits and Collections,
Western Union Telegraph Company,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your bill No. 916, covering charges on messages transmitted from San Francisco to this office during December, 1921, is herewith returned. You are advised that this bill is payable by the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, and should be forwarded to that office for settlement.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

Mexican dollar	$ .5611
British & Hongkong dollar .	.5570
Yuan dollar	.5488

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1922.

My dear Senator Willis:

Replying to your letter of May 23 relative to the number of memorial coins sold by the Mint in recent years, I take pleasure in submitting the following:-

Silver Half Dollars.

	No. Pieces authorized.	No. Pieces sold.	No. Pieces on hand.
Illinois	100,000	100,000	
Maine	100,000	50,000	
Pilgrim	300,000	300,000	
Missouri	250,000	20,400	29,600 returned to Mint
Alabama	100,000	13,537	
Grant	250,000	100,000	

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank B. Willis,
United States Senate.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHEN WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 27, 1922.

To

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

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Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6827

May 27, 1922.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25 relative to the amount of silver bullion assets as of December 31, 1914 and 1915, and the amount of standard silver dollars and subsidiary silver outstanding at the same time, the following is submitted:

Silver Bullion Assets,	Dec. 31, 1914	$ 3,379,945.00
Silver Bullion Assets,	Dec. 31, 1915	5,245,174.88
Outstanding Standard Silver Dollars	Dec. 31, 1914	69,321,103.00
Outstanding Standard Silver Dollars	Dec. 31, 1915	66,688,222.00
Outstanding Subsidiary Silver	Dec. 31, 1914	163,862,946.00
Outstanding Subsidiary Silver	Dec. 31, 1915	169,979,215.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1922.

Mr. S. W. Savage,

Como, North Carolina.

Sir:

Your letter of May 25 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

It is noted that you received from the mint in Philadelphia 49 cents in stamps to cover the value of the mutilated silver dollar forwarded to that office. The bullion value of the fine silver contained in the silver dollar at the market price of silver on April 22 was .52593. It will therefore be seen that the mutilated dollar which had part of the silver removed from it on account of the puncture closely approximated the value of an uncirculated dollar.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

May 27, 1922.

Vesuvius Crucible Company,

Swissvale, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 24 with regard to the sale of crucibles to the Government, it is suggested that you address the Hon. Howard Baker, Director of Supply, , Bureau of Supply, . Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R E Preston

Director of the Mint.

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May 31, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of May 29 of 93,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1922.

Assistant Cashier,
State Bank of Manon,
Manon, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25 you are advised that the Maine Centennial half dollar was issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of that State to the Union. It is understood that these coins may be had upon application to the State Treasurer, State of Maine, Augusta, Maine. These coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

June 1, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Co.,
San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty six thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
2—5738

June 1, 1922.

Mr. Paul E. Fox,
Reading Paper Mills,
Reading, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 27 I take pleasure in advising you that the Mint in Philadelphia is now open to visitors.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

June 1, 1922.

Mr. John Maitland,
380 South Main Street,
Fall River, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of May 29 and appreciate your interest in the matter of the lettering of the coins. I would however advise you that the type of the letter U used in the wording of the coins is that selected by the artist. This type of letter U is frequently employed on inscriptions.

Respectfully,

F. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 1, 1922.

Mr. Herbert T. Wade,
331 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 29 I take pleasure in forwarding a report, together with table giving the estimated production of gold and silver for 1921. Final figures of estimates will not be ready until some time in November. Our experience leads us to believe that the estimate very closely approximates the actual figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 446

June 1, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 26 I beg to advise you that the Bureau does not issue regularly bulletins covering the purchase of silver made by this Bureau. I will, however, take pleasure in forwarding to you at the close of each week a statement covering the purchases made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1922.

Mr. N. A. Merrell,
R. F. D. No. 1,
Riverside, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 26 relative to Grant memorial coins, you are advised that these coins may be obtained upon application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is understood that these coins are issued at a premium. The Treasury Department does not handle the distribution of these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1922.

Mr. C. A. Chapman,

Penn Run, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25 you are advised that the mints accept only such gold as approximates or exceeds $100 in value. If the gold you have on hand is in sufficient quantity to meet this requirement it is suggested that you forward the same to the United States Assay Office, New York, where it will be accepted and paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less a nominal deduction for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1922.

Miss Mary P. Gould,
The Baltimore News,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of May 29 you are advised that the Peace dollar is a type of standard silver dollar which will be coined indefinitely.

In 1921 1,006,473 standard silver dollars of this type were coined. From January 1, 1922 to the close of business May 31, 20,890,000 of these dollars have been coined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 2, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of May 31 relative to affidavits in connection with the sale of silver to the Government under the Pittman act. If you will forward the affidavits by mail I will have them carefully examined and advise you in case there is anything unsatisfactory about them. It will therefore not be necessary for you to visit Washington on account of these certificates for the present.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1921.

Mr. G. F. Handley,
Page Building,
Astoria, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date you are advised that the Treasury Department is not paying out any $2.50 gold pieces, and I regret that I am unable to advise you where the same may be obtained.

Respectfully,

J E Leahy

Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1922.

Dear Senator Johnson:

Referring to the telegram of Mr. Thomas F. Finn, San Francisco, relative to the release of gold coins of the coinage of 1922, I have taken pleasure in obtaining the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to waive the existing regulation prohibiting the issue of new gold coin, and shall instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to pay out the amount indicated in Mr. Finn's letter, namely $200,000 in $20 gold pieces.

The Superintendent at San Francisco Mint will be informed that this is being done upon your request.

If I can serve you in any other way I shall take pleasure in doing so.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Hiram Johnson,
United States Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WI RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 5, 1922.

Day Letter - Collect

Peaslee and Compton
501 Fifth Averme
New York, N.Y.

April first circular value Mark decimal two three eight two Estimate based on value of legal monetary unit Stop Have no information as to change therein as considered prior to war Stop Make no estimate on exchange value of any currency. Mailing copy circular.

O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

OR

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June 5, 1922.

Mr. Floyd A. Lenely,
R.D. #1,
Hope, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 you are advised that the word "trust" as appearing on the Peace Dollar is spelled correctly. The form of letter "U" employed is very often resorted to by artists in the execution of designs. This form, you will note, also appears on the quarter dollar of the latest design.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1922.

Mr. Wm. Purcell,

Apalachicola, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material in question to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1923.

Mr. G. W. deCordona,
R.F.D. 62,
Petersburg, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith stamps in the value of $1.00 forwarded with your letter of May 24, which you state is to pay for assaying copper ore forwarded by you. You are advised that this office has no record of having received such ore. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material you describe to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

In this connection it is noted that your letter is addressed to the "U.S. Assay Co." It is probable that your package went astray.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1922.

Chicago Crucible Company,
2525 Clybourn Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 31st you are advised that the officers in charge of the various institutions of the Mint Service are the proper persons to address in connection with the purchase of curcibles. They are designated as follows:

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" " " Assay Office, New York.
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
" " " " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " " " " Deadwood, S.D.
" " " " " " Helena, Montana
" " " " Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " " " Carson City, Nev.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1922.

Dr. Frank H. Connor,
404 Fidelity Building,
Duluth, Minn.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 29 together with package forwarded in connection therewith said to contain gold scrap. This package I am today forwarding, unopened, to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, as there is no place in Washington where such purchases are made by the Government. I have requested the Superintendent of the above institution to communicate directly with you in regard to the contents of the package.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1922.

Peaslee and Compton,
501 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of this date I am enclosing herewith copy of Department Circular No. 1, issued April 1, 1922, upon the "Value of Foreign Coins."

Respectfully,

M. McRellis

Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1922.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Co.,
560 Market Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the work of making final estimate of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1921, from the reports of the various smelting and refining works, it is noted that on report submitted by the Perth Amboy Plant, American Smelting & Refining Company, there appears an item of about 300 ounces gold and 137,000 ounces silver as having been received from Balbach Smelting & Refining Company. As your report shows no shipments to the Perth Amboy Plant, American Smelting & Refining Company, during the year 1921, it is requested that you kindly forward this office any information you may be able to give which would tend to clear up the apparent discrepancy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1922.

Memorandum for Miss Gingery:

I am returning herewith Reports of Separation, forwarded by you some time ago, in connection with which no applications for refund had been received. Applications for Refund are attached in such cases where application had not previously been made, together with letters from the institutions concerned in connection with the same.

If any further discrepancies appear in the records will you kindly advise me.

M. M. O'Reilly

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 6, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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June 6, 1922.

Mr. A. B. Herzog,
214 E. Josephine St.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the parts of the five-cent piece enclosed in your letter of June 1, and beg to advise you that the same is not redeemable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1922.

U.S. Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of June 5 of 110,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1922.

Rowle Manufacturing Company,

Newburyport, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 2 relative to an item recently published to the effect that $2,000,000, largely in silver bullion, received from sale of U. S. Government property in Germany, is enroute to the United States, I beg to state that this Bureau has no information regarding the same.

Respectfully,

Wm. Mc. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1922.

Swiss National Bank,
Department III,
Zurich, Switzerland.

Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6 in which you refer to the Reports of the Director of the Mint previously sent you. The copies requested by you have been sent through the International Exchange Service.

Please accept my appreciation for the very courteous allusion you make to the reports. The Bureau is much gratified to know that they are of interest and service to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHEE VRI TEN:

Washington,

June 7, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

June 7, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division,
1800 E St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find miners affidavit of the Old Dominion Company covering 8,669.10 ounces silver, also smelters affidavit of same concern covering 2,592.55 ounces silver, the latter affidavit being supported by six (6) miners' affidavits totaling the same quantity. It is requested that these affidavits be filed in substitution for affidavits on file in your office in connection with purchases of silver to a total of 11,261.65 fine ounces from the Nichols Copper Company during the month of September, 1921. The erroneous affidavits for which the enclosed are to be substituted are in quantities 2,871.97 ounces and 8,409.68 ounces silver, respectively, giving the same totals as the affidavits enclosed herewith. This substitution is due to a mistake having been made by the Old Dominion Company in splitting their production for the month of March, 1921, as between material produced from their own mines and that obtained through custom purchases.

The above mentioned vouchers should be filed with the account of R. J. Grant, Superintendent of the Denver Mint, for the quarter ending with September, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Inc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1922.

Mr. John R. Parsons,
American Surety Company,
West End Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 31 addressed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, relative to employees of the Philadelphia Mint who are under bond, you are advised that the furlough period is entirely uncertain and it would be impossible for this Bureau to state its extent in any one case. These men are likely to be called to duty at any time or may not be called to duty previous to the expiration of their existing bonds.

Regretting that we cannot be more definite in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1922.

Mr. L. M. Mallory,
P. O. Box 318,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 1 you are advised that octagonal gold pieces and $50.00 gold pieces were authorized to be issued for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. This is the only octagonal coin issued by the Government and is not made in any other denomination. These coins were sold by the exposition company at a premium.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1922.

Mr. L. C. Spangler,
Assistant Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 2 I have to state that the following institutions of the Mint service will require copies of the Schedule of Supplies for the fiscal year 1923:

United States	Mint,	Philadelphia,	Pa.
"	"	Denver,	Colorado.
"	"	San Francisco.	
"	"	New Orleans	
"	"	Carson City,	Nevada.
"	Assay Office,	Salt Lake City,	Utah.
"	"	"	Boise, Idaho
"	"	"	Helena, Montana.
"	"	"	Deadwood, S.D.
"	"	"	Seattle, Washington.
"	"	"	New York, N.Y.

One copy should be sent to each institution, and I would suggest that the same be cloth bound in each instance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1922.

Mr. Geo. H. Keesee,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of May 17 addressed to the Cashier, U.S. Treasury, was referred to this Bureau. The matter of obtaining scales for use by your bank was taken up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia who advises that the adjusters hand balance would be suitable for weighing gold coins. The Mint at Philadelphia could furnish one or two of these balances with full set of weights at $15.00 each. These scales were used by the Mint previous to the installation of the large automatic weighing machines.

If you desire to purchase the scales I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint directly.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1922.

Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find your bill NO. 9.275/251, amount $6.54, covering transportation of stationery supplies from Washington to New York, April 26, 1922. Bill of Lading supporting the bill is not complete in that the Consignee's Certificate of Delivery is not accomplished. Please take this matter up with the consignee, the N. Y. Assay Office, to the end that bill of lading will be complete when bill is again rendered. Any receipts given by the N. Y. Assay Office in lieu of certificate on bill of lading, at time of delivery, should be surrendered to that office when said certificate is accomplished.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1922.

The Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd.,
68 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 6, it is noted that the proceeds of the sale of gold bars to the United States Assay Office at New York has been placed on deposit at the Bank of the Manhattan Company, New York. If this understanding is correct it would appear that the price paid for the bars sold is out of the jurisdiction of the Assay Office at New York, and we will therefore be unable to assist you in the matter. If our understanding of this case is not correct, and we can serve you further, please advise us.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Mint Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Eimer & Amend,

June 7, 1922.

3rd Avenue at 18th St., New York City

Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

C. P. sheet lead, <u>silver free</u>, as per sample enclosed, and bid submitted May 23, 1922.	10	lb.	.45	4 50

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1922.

New Jersey Zinc Company,
Ore and Fuel Department,
160 Front Street,
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Janeway

Sir:

With reference to your communication of May 25, 1922, forwarding memorandum and draft of affidavit for use in connection with proposed sale to the United States of 10,361.4 fine ounces of mixed silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, said silver having been recovered from refuse material at the plant of the Mineral Point Zinc Company, Depue, Ill., please be advised that the said affidavit form when properly executed, with the supporting memorandum, will be acceptable as supporting sale to the United States of the above mentioned quantity of silver, when amended by addition of the words "made a part of this affidavit", to be inserted following the words "Memorandum - A" in next to the last line of first paragraph of the affidavit form.

Copy of this letter should accompany the affidavit and memorandum to the vendor who actually makes sale to the United States, who will furnish same to this office in regular course of business.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 8, 1922.

Mr. Eugene Poland,

Sumner, Illinois, Route 3.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to "Liberty head nickles made in the year of 1913", you are advised that no five-cent pieces bearing the Liberty head were coined in that year.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 8, 1922.

The Hampshire County Trust Company,

Northampton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 5 you are advised that the bill authorizing the coinage of Hayes memorial pieces has not yet been passed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 8, 1922.

Mr. W. G. Cartledge,

Griffin, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3rd you are advised that we would not be permitted to accept from you the three one dollar gold pieces, which are mutilated, to be recoined. The pieces would be purchased merely as gold bullion and would probably be less than their face value since they have been worn by abrasion and by mutilation.

Respectfully,

M McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 8, 1922.

Mrs. E. Pauline Lee,
60 Highland Avenue,
Middletown, N.Y.

Madam:

Your letter of June 6 addressed to the Director of the Mint and forwarded to Philadelphia has been transmitted to this office. The portrait enclosed in your letter is returned herewith, and I have to thank you for your interest in the matter of a design for a coin. Your letter will be placed on file, and should Congress authorize the execution of a new design of coin your letter will be referred to with pleasure. At present there is no proposition before the Department looking to the execution of coins of new designs.

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 9, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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June 9, 1922.

The Standard Bank of South Africa,
68 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In response to your request of June 8 we have forwarded to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the correspondence, including your letter of June 6, addressed to the Treasurer, reply of this Bureau dated June 7, and your letter of June 8.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Adams, Manager,
East Helena Plant,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
East Helena, Mont.

Sir:

With reference to correspondence during the month of May, 1922, concerning your proposal to submit for sale to the Government, under the terms of the Pittman Act, silver recovered from slag located at your plant, I beg to suggest that such silver will be acceptable under the terms of the Pittman Act if in other respects it meets the requirements of that Act and is supported by affidavit in lieu of miner's affidavit worded approximately as follows:

"The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the East Helena plant manager of the American Smelting & Refining Co. owners of the slag located at said plant in East Helena, county of Lewis and Clark, State of Montana, and that _____ ounces of silver has been recovered by said plant from slag located as aforesaid, in certain parcels described in settlement or liquidation sheet Lot Number _____ of said Company, and that said silver was paid for at the rate of not less than One Dollar ($1.00) per ounce adjusted to the equivalent price for silver 999 fine and the cost of delivery refinery to mint; that said slag resulted from the smelting of ores from mines located in the United States."

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1922.

Mrs. M. Randall,
2828 Elmore Ave.,
Tampa, Florida.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 4 I have to advise you that the Government is not in the market at the present time for silver such as you describe.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistant to you,

I am,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1922.

Lansdale Foundry Company,

Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 2 relative to gray iron castings, it is suggested that you address a communication to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. relative to sale to the Government of such castings.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHEN WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 10, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company
San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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June 10, 1922.

Mr. C. H. Keesee, Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9th relative to automatic scales, I would suggest that you communicate directly with the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, requesting him to forward to you a description of the automatic scales now in use at the Mint.

It may be of interest to you to know that the small adjuster scales mentioned in our letter are now being used by some of the reserve banks.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1922.

The President,
Institut International du Commerce,
Brussells, Belgium.

Sir:

Replying further to your letter of May 24th requesting monthly statistics as to the production of gold and silver ore, I beg to advise you that this Department does not issue monthly statistics. The figures are compiled yearly. I have taken pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1921, which gives the production of the precious metals in the principal countries of the world.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1922.

Mr. H. B. Smith,
1750 San Fernando Road,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Responding to your request of June 2 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the Act of April 23, 1918, together with regulations covering the sale of domestic silver to the Government.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1922.

Mr. R. E. Alexander,
1405 Monroe Street,
Endicott, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 8 you are advised that there are no one dollar gold pieces in the Treasury. It is suggested that the only place to obtain such coins would be from coin dealers. It is possible that the American Numismatic Society of New York City may be able to aid you in this matter.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1922.

Mr. John G. Barnes,

Sayre, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3 relative to the source of coin demand you are advised that this is determined by the demand made upon the Treasury by the banks, which are the distributing sources, and, of course, the demand of the banks depends upon business conditions throughout the country.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1922.

Mrs. Ethel B. Rogers,
706 Sixth Street,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Madam:

Replying to your card of June 8 relative to a five dollar bill you describe, it is suggested that you address a letter to the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1922.

Dr. C. S. Warren,

Milford, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the samples of ore forwarded with your letter of recent date, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1922.

Mr. Anthony Rosener,
Rural Route No. 1,
Dayton, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the sample of ore forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1922.

Mr. Watson Bolling,

Norton, Virginia.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of sample of ore forwarded by you addressed to the United States Mint, Washington. I am returning the same under separate cover and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of June 9 of 85,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request of recent date I take pleasure in stating that there have been purchased to date, under the terms of the act of April 23, 1918, 114,093,756 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9 you are advised that the total amount of silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act to June 3, 1922, amounted to 112,223,756 ounces.

A separate report has been made covering silver purchases to June 10.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1922.

J. J. Underwood, Esq.,
Washington Representative,
Seattle Chamber of Commerce,
621-22 Colorado Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have received your letter of June 5, 1922, requesting copies of legal decisions on the following:

(1) Restricting the purchase of silver under the Pittman Act to New York, Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, by construing that part of Sec. 2 of the Act, "x x x x delivered at the option of the Director of the Mint, at New York, Philadelphia, Denver or San Francisco, x x x x" to mean purchased at those places.

(2) Specifying the price to be paid at Seattle for silver in domestic bullion purchased under Secs. 3520 and 3526 R.S. to be the New York rate for foreign silver, and not the New York rate for domestic silver.

The Treasury's position with reference to (1) of your letter has been set forth in the Secretary's letter of June 9, 1921, to the Executive Secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club, Seattle, Washington, a copy of which is enclosed for your information, and is based not on legal decisions but on the statutes and regulations issued thereunder.

Sections 3520 and 3526 of the Revised Statutes do not apply to minor assay offices as to purchases of silver bullion, for silver bullion as such is never purchased at these institutions, the silver bought being limited to that contained in gold deposits, and the price paid is not the "New York rate for foreign silver" but the market rate for silver other than that which can be covered by the provisions of the Pittman Act. However, persons who

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do business with small assay offices may even now obtain the advantages of the fixed price for domestic silver provided by the Pittman Act if they will tender the silver to the Director of the Mint and ship it to New York, Philadelphia, Denver, or San Francisco, as he may direct, with the usual affidavits as to domestic origin. The expense of transportation in such cases would be borne by the depositor, as in all cases of tender of silver under the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter #L-862 of the 10th instant, beg to advise that proposed form of affidavit therewith enclosed concerning silver obtained from cinder product of Colorado ores operated upon by the Sulphuric Acid Plant of the General Chemical Company of Denver, Colo., will be acceptable as evidencing domestic production in connection with sales of silver to the United States under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1922.

Mr. C. T. Brown,
Socorro, New Mexico.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 7th, please be advised that future lots of silver recovered from the slag dump of the Socorro Smelter will be acceptable under the terms of the Pittman Act when supported by affidavits similar to those mentioned in letter of this office dated May 13, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
War Department Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly refer to your certificate of transfer settlement #4915 dated September 20, 1921, whereby the sum of $4,318.00 was transferred to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1921 and 1922."

Attention is invited to letter of the New York Assay Office dated June 20, 1921, copy of which is enclosed herewith, which letter formed the basis of the settlement. Please note that the letter indicates that the amount in question was to be subsequently used in the performance of work for the War Department and was not a statement of cost of work already performed. As a matter of fact the work was performed during the current fiscal year and the amount should have been credited to the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1922". Copy of letter of the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office dated August 19, 1921, is also enclosed herewith; in which letter it was stated that the amount should be placed to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen" - fiscal year 1921-22. Please Note the difference between the method of stating the appropriation year in the letter just referred to and in the certificate of transfer settlement. Inquiry at the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants of the office of the Secretary of the Treasury discloses that when the transfer resulting from the settlement in question was actually made the amount was credited to the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1921".

The matter of this transfer had never been brought to the attention of this office until within the past few days when it became evident that there was insufficient money to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1922" to meet the pay-rolls of that institution for the remainder of the current fiscal year. In view of the evident error in crediting the amount in question to the appropriation of an expired fiscal year instead of that of the current fiscal year it is respectfully requested that corrective settlement be made without delay in order that the work of the New York Assay

Office may not be embarrassed and that funds may be available, when due, for payment of the employees. Please advise this office promptly of such action as may be taken in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 12, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman Silver accepted

Philadelphia

Scobey
Director

BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
ROM TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 15, 1922.

Mr. D. D. McClellan,
National District Telegraph Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Referring to your conversation in this office today, at which time you left the blank form of contract to be filled out, I beg to say that the terms of this contract are acceptable to this office.

I shall be obliged if you will immediately undertake the installation of the signal alarm to be placed in the vault of the United States Mint, New Orleans, the cost of installation to be $90.00; the annual rental $84.00, to which shall be added wire rental of $24.00 per year; this contract to cover a period of one year.

Formal contract has been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, and the same will be signed by him and returned to this office for approval and transmission to you.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR.

June 12, 1922.

Mr. Arthur W. Macmahon,
Columbia University,
Facualty of Political Science,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of June 6 relative to a gallery maintained by the University of present day leaders in the American Government. I shall take pleasure in forwarding a photograph as soon as one is available, and submit in connection therewith the following information:

Born in Ohio in 1866.
Clerk of the Ohio State Senate, 1902-1906.
Moved to Texas, 1907 Engaged in Storage Warehouse and Real Estate business.
Appointed Director of the Mint March 20, 1922.

Very truly yours,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Mr. J. P. Dunlop,
General Delivery,
Joplin, Mo.

Sir:

As requested in your recent letter am giving below information concerning receipts, at the New York Assay Office, of gold and silver from South Dakota and New Mexico during the current calendar year. Trust that this is in form to meet your needs. Copy of this letter is being forwarded as requested to Mr. Chas. W. Henderson, 409 New Post Office Building, Denver, Colo:

Receipts

	From South Dakota		From New Mexico	
1922	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
Jan. Shipped from Homestake in Dec. received Dec. 27, - - -	6802.769	1600.45	None	
Jan. other, - - - - - - - -	20907.412	6234.94	"	
Feb. - - - - - - - - - - -	25124.501	7304.38	"	
Mar. - - - - - - - - - - -	21382.568	6241.18	"	
April- - - - - - - - - - -	25108.758	6786.40	"	
May - - - - - - - - - - -	25377.426	7187.36	"	
June to date (12th)- - -	15125.662	4403.73	"	

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 13, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of May, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic bullion	- 269,756.85	fine ounces
Unrefined foreign bullion	- 103,069.32	" "
Foreign silver coin	- 76,214.41	" "

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Doctor F. H. Surface,
Bureau of Census ,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of May, 1922 were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold -- 81,639.059 fine ounces
Unrefined domestic silver- 269,758.83 " "

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Dr. Wm. J. Foutz,
39 Hagerty Block,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 7 you are advised that the piece described by you is a Columbian half dollar, many of which are in circulation at the present time. They were issued during the Chicago exposition, and have no numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Banks,
28 Sunnyside St.,
Riverside, Duluth, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 7 you are advised that no coins are being recalled by the Government, nor does the Government pay a premium on any issue of coins.

The base under the buffalo on the five cent piece of the present design was altered in order that the coins might be more easily stacked.

Respectfully,

F E Leslie

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Mr. M. L. Beistle,
c/o The Beistle Company,
Shippensburg, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of June 10, I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1922.

Miss Alice Rivard,
Box 230,
New Baltimore, Michigan.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of June 8 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins."

For information relative to copyrights, I would suggest that you address the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1922.

The Will Corporation,

Rochester, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your statement of May 31. It is suggested that you forward the same to the institution making the purchases.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Mrs. Etta M. Cole,
Holt County,
Star, Nebraska.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the piece described by you is a trade piece, and has no value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1922.

Mr. Lynn H. Bump,
Fifth Avenue Building,
200 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bump:

I have your letter of June 7 relative to procuring 1922 one cent pieces. I regret that at the present time very strict regulations prohibit us from putting out new coins for the reason that the Treasury has on hand large quantities of circulated coins which will be restored to circulation before new coins are paid out. I would be glad to render this service, but feel sure you will realize my position, as in all cases of this kind the Department is obliged to adhere to the policy established.

With appreciation of your personal message to Mrs. Scobey and myself, I am,

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1922.

Mr. G. F. Handley,
Page Building,
Astoria, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry appended to letter from this Bureau of June 2, you are advised that it is not the intention of the Department to coin gold pieces of lower denominations than $20.00 during the current year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1922.

Mr. Joseph E. Matson,
617 E. 22nd St.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your card of June 11 you are advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which will give you the number of coins struck since 1900.

Respectfully,

F E Dobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 14, 1922.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
The World,
Room 1400, Pulitzer Building,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning statement enclosed with your letter of June 7 which has been revised as to National Bank notes and Federal Reserve Bank notes. Statements made in the enclosure with reference to coinage are correct.

Respectfully,

J. E. Zeoby

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 14, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Company,
18-34 Nesbitt St.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am forwarding certificate of shipment with supporting correspondence in connection with lost bill of lading covering a shipment made in May, 1921. Will you please execute the consignee's certificate of delivery and return all enclosures to this office. The papers will then be submitted to the Express Company as the basis for filing of claim covering the transportation charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OR.

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June 14, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. E. C. Sowerwine

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of the 9th instant and the statements mentioned therein, subject to verification in detail.

Decision has not yet been reached with regard to the Governments caring for miner's affidavits forwarded in advance of delivery of silver to which they are to apply, nor with regard to the giving of notice to producers concerning discontinuance of purchases in connection with receipt of the quantity of silver purchaseable under the terms of the Pittman Act. This matter will be taken up at a later date.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 14, 1922.

Mr. E. R. Cruikshank,

Jasonville, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of ore forwarded by you with your letter of June 12 for assay. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1922.

Mr. Joseph C. Raley,

Harold, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the small piece of quartz forwarded with your letter of June 12 for assay. I have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1922.

Miss Annie E. Cowley,
1011 Stratford Avenue,
South Pasadena, California.

Madame:

Replying to your card of June 7 enclosing a drawing showing the size of a gold dollar which you describe, you are advised that the dollar is one of the regular issue of that date. These pieces are no longed coined and it is understood that dealers hold them at a slight premium.

Respectfully,

F E Leeb

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 15, 1922.

Mr. Charles P. Bishop,
712 West End Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 14, you are advised that the address of the Hon. Raymond T. Baker, former Director of the Mint is -

Edmonds Building,
15th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1922.

Mr. S. G. Howard,

Oakboro, North Carolina.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metald determined.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1922.

Mr. Ronald G. Holler,

Cheboygan, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where this work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1922.

Mr. H. R. King,

Headland, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11 relative to gold you desire to sell, you are advised to forward the same to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where the same will be accepted and paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less a nominal deduction for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1922.

Mr. Ray R. Ossman,

Rowley, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11, you are advised that we are unable to identify the piece you describe. It is not, however, a coin of the United States.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1922.

Dear Congressman Sweet:

Replying to your letter of June 14 requesting a copy of Document #2612, "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." I regret to advise you that we have no copies available for gratuitous distribution. The Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. distributes this document at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Burton E. Sweet,

Waverly, Iowa.

June 16, 1922.

Mrs. R. W. Carswell,
1938 Hamilton Ave.,
Columbus, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 13, you are advised that there is no branch of service under the Government where tests of jewelry such as you desire can be made for the public.

Regretting that we cannot serve you in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

F. E. Kosky

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1922.

Red Bank Trust Company,

Red Bank, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

The medal of President Harding which has just been issued by the Mint at Philadelphia, is one of a series of Presidential medals, from President Washington to President Harding. The medals are sold in bronze at $1.00 each, plus cost of postage. Applications for the medals should be addressed to the "Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa." The medals are not on sale at the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

MR.

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June 16, 1922.

Arvilla State Bank,

Arvilla, North Dakota.

Gentlemen;

Replying to your letter of June 10, relative to the arrangement of the stars on the quarter dollar, you are advised that when first issued these coins had the stars arranged on either side of the eagle. In order that the coin might have a more artistic appearance an act of Congress provided for the placing of three stars below the eagle and five on either side. Both types, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 17, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

Scobey
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 17, 1922.

Quincy Mining Company,
52 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of June 16, of 1750 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHE[illegible] W[illegible]TTEN:

Washington,

June 19, 1922.

American Gas Furnace Company
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Please quote by wire to this Bureau price at which you will furnish FOB and delivery mint San Francisco two spiral retorts and two spiral feeders for number seventeen heating machine

Scobey
Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

June 19, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this office dated June 12, 1922, addressed to the War Department Division of the General Accounting Office and referred to you by endorsement of the 17th instant, it is respectfully requested that for the reasons stated in said letter the amount involved, $4,318.00, be charged by transfer warrant to the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1921," and credited by counter warrant to the same appropriation for the year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1922.

Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 17, I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver was instructed this day to continue to carry Mr. John T. White on his rolls and detail him to the District Secretary at Denver during the fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 19, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Co.,
16-34 Nesbitt St.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 16th instant replying to letter of this office dated the 14th, please be advised that your certification of the form evidencing shipment of May 25, 1921 and loss of Original Government bill of lading, is desired in order that the Express Company may have proper evidence to support its claim for payment of the express charges, in amount $3.23, and for no other purpose.

It is understood from your letter that the Express Company refunded the charges which you had paid at time of delivery of shipment, and that at that time you delivered to them certain papers. If you delivered to them the original bill of lading the certificate which accompanied our letter of the 14th should not be signed by you, but the original Government bill of lading should be properly accomplished as the voucher to support Express Company's claim for payment.

Will you please return to us the enclosures which accompanied our letter of the 14th, after execution of the certificate of shipment, or, in case the certificate should not be executed, advise that the original Government bill of lading has been accomplished and delivered to the Express Company.

Respectfully,

G. E. Lobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1922.

Regan Publishing Company,
26 East Van Buren Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 14 you are advised that this office has no knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. A. J. Jansen.

Under separate cover I am forwarding copies of the Reports of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1919, 1920 and 1921.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 19, 1922.

Rand McNally Bankers Directory,
536 S. Clark St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 15 addressed to the Hon. S. P. Gilbert, relative to the quarterly circular "Value of Foreign Coins" you are advised that that this circular will be again issued on July 1, 1922.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 19, 1922.

Mr. D. D. McClellan, Agent,
National District Telegraph Company of Louisiana, Ltd.,
105 Equitable Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the contract covering the installation of signal alarm service in the United States Mint at New Orleans. Will you please have the same signed in triplicate and returned to this office. As soon as the contract is approved by the Secretary of the Treasury the triplicate will be returned to you for your files.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.
OR

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June 19, 1922.

Dear Senator Gooding:

In response to a telephone communication from your office this morning I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter of introduction to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for Mr. Cole Berry.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank R. Gooding,

United States Senate.

June 19, 1922.

Mr. S. Berg,

Argyle, Minnesota.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the gold dust forwarded by you. In order to be acceptable to the Mints it is necessary that gold deposits approximate or exceed in value, $100.00, and as our Assayer's balance shows this deposit to weigh but 3.215 ounces, the same is not in sufficient quantity to be acceptable.

In this connection you are advised that there is no place in Washington where such purchases are made by the Government. The United States Mints at San Francisco or Philadelphia should be addressed in making deposits of the above nature.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1922.

Mr. John Pfeiffer,
44 Stuveysant Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the dollar enclosed in your letter of June 17, and have to advise you that the Treasury Department at Washington does not distribute the Harding medal. This medal is one of a series of Presidential medals which may be obtained at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at a cost of $1.00, plus necessary postage for forwarding.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1922.

Miss H. E. Henry,
2233 18th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Madame:

Replying to your recent letter you are advised the the medal of President Harding in bronze may be obtained at a cost of $1.00 by making application to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. Sufficient postage to cover the cost of forwarding the same to you should be enclosed with your application.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1922.

Mr. Alphonsus B. Casey,
416 West 13th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 16 you are advised that the Harding medal is available for dsitribution at the United States Mint, Philadelphia. This medal is one of a series of Presidential medals which may be obtained in bronze at a cost of $1.00 each, plus postage to cover cost of forwarding same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1922.

Mr. Glen P. Heckert,
306 West Main Street,
Massillon, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 17 you are advised that no work of the nature described by you has been done for any particular firm. Assays of rolled plate are made at the United States Mint, New Orleans, and the United States Assay Offices at Helena, Mont., Deadwood, S.D., and Boise, Idaho, at a charge of $4.00 for each assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1922.

R. W. Cameron & Co.,
23 South William St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 16 you are advised the the medal of President Harding may be obtained from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at a cost of $1.00, plus postage to cover cost of forwarding same.

Grant memorial coins, both silver and gold, may be obtained by making application to the U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1922.

Mr. L. W. Mallory,

Sioux City, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 15 I regret to advise you that we are unable to give you any assistance in locating coins you describe, as the Bureau has no knowledge of the $20.00, $10.00 and $5.00 gold pieces which were not round. The only $20.00, $10.00 and $5.00 gold pieces ever issued by the Mints were circular in form.

Fifty dollar gold "slugs", issued by private assayers when gold was first discovered in California, and an octagonal $50.00 gold piece authorized to be issued for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, are the only coins other than round ever authorized by Congress.

Some years ago private parties issued so-called coins, rectangular in shape, called 50 and 25 "cents". These pieces were illegal and their issue was suppressed.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your recent request, you are advised that there have been purchased to June 17, 1922, under the terms of the act of April 23, 1918, 114,380,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1922.

Chief Co-ordinator,
General Supply Committee, Surplus Property Division.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, has requested authority to purchase an Underwood Standard Typewriter #5, Pinpoint check typewriter, present machine #1108877 - $112.50. This machine is to be used in the Cashier's Department for checks.

Will you please advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience if such a machine is in surplus, or if not, if you have on hand a machine which can be applied to the purchase of the typewriter desired by the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1922.

The Deming Investment Company,

Oswego, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the postal money order in the amount of $2.00 which you forward with order for two of the Harding medals. You are advised that these medals are distributed solely by the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Postage sufficient to cover cost of forwarding the medals should be enclosed with your application to the "Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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Kootenai Valley State Bank,

Troy, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 16, you are advised that gold is purchased by the Mints and Assay Offices only in such quantities as approximate or exceed $100 in value. The quantity forwarded by you, therefore, is too small to admit of acceptance. I am returning your deposit herewith.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 20, 1922.

The Director,

Bureau of Standards.

Sir:

This Bureau acknowledges receipt of the 8.95 ounces of gold returned by special messenger and referred to in your letter of June 14, relative to the "Spectroscopic Analysis of Gold."

I am reserving the gold alloys for use as spectrum standards and thank you for your courtesy in preparing them. We hope to apply this method of analysis in testing our proof gold for minute impurities and appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Q. Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 21, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver

accepted Philadelphia

Scobey
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123

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June 21, 1922.

Mr. C. J. Forsyth,
41 S. Perry St.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 you are advised that the Government has no available reports on receipts of any particular mining property. I regret that we are unable to be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 21, 1922.

Mr. S. W. Henry,
1917 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check in the amount of $1.00, and have to advise you that the Treasury Department is not distributing the Harding medal. It is suggested that you make application to the "Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.," forwarding with your application postage sufficient to cover cost of forwarding medal to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.